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Water Desalination using Renewable Energy Sources

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"RES Integration in the Grid"

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Thermal Power Plants Technology in the MENA

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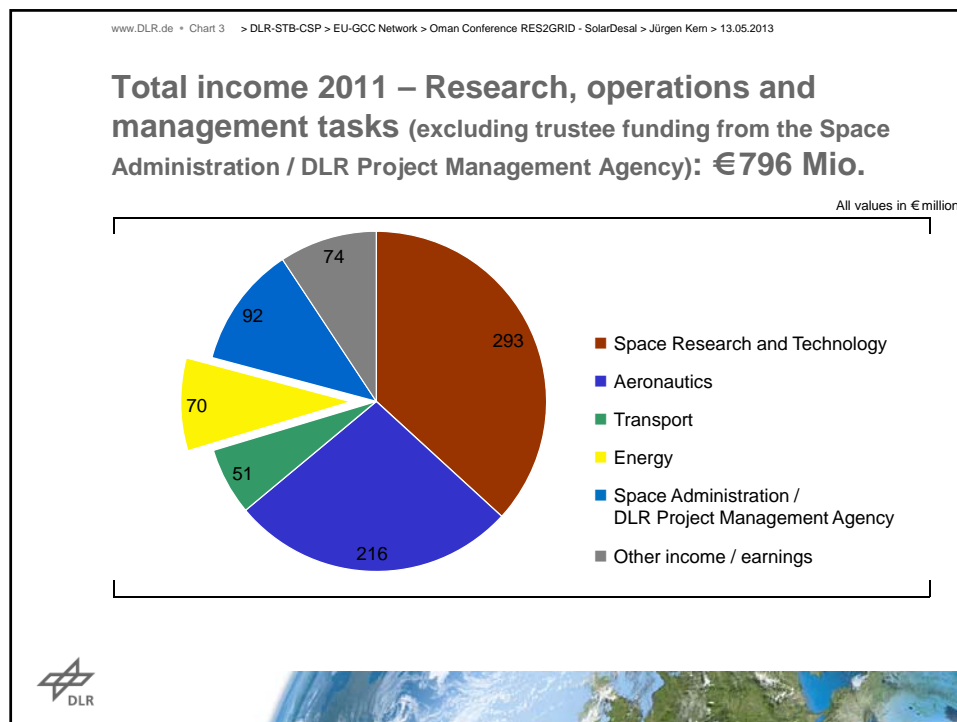
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Research Areas

- Aeronautics
- Space Research and Technology
- Transport
- Energy
- Space Administration
- Project Management Agency



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Participation in the Helmholtz Association

- Success in obtaining program-oriented funding
- Added value from support of the Helmholtz Association
- Helping to shape the organisational development process




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Energy Program Themes

- Efficient and environmentally compatible fossil-fuel power stations
(turbo machines, combustion chambers, heat exchangers)
- Solar thermal power plant technology, solar conversion
- Thermal and chemical energy storage
- High and low temperature fuel cells
- **Systems analysis and technology assessment**
- Plataforma Solar de Almería (PSA)



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Energy, Renewables and Solar Power





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Energy

Shortage of energy ?

- 25 cm crude oil annually on the hole surface of earth
- 2 millions barrels per square kilometer



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Energy for Tomorrow



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Renewable Energy for Power Generation



Wind Power (Enercon)



Hydropower (Tauernkraft)



Solar Chimney (SBP)



Photovoltaic (NREL)



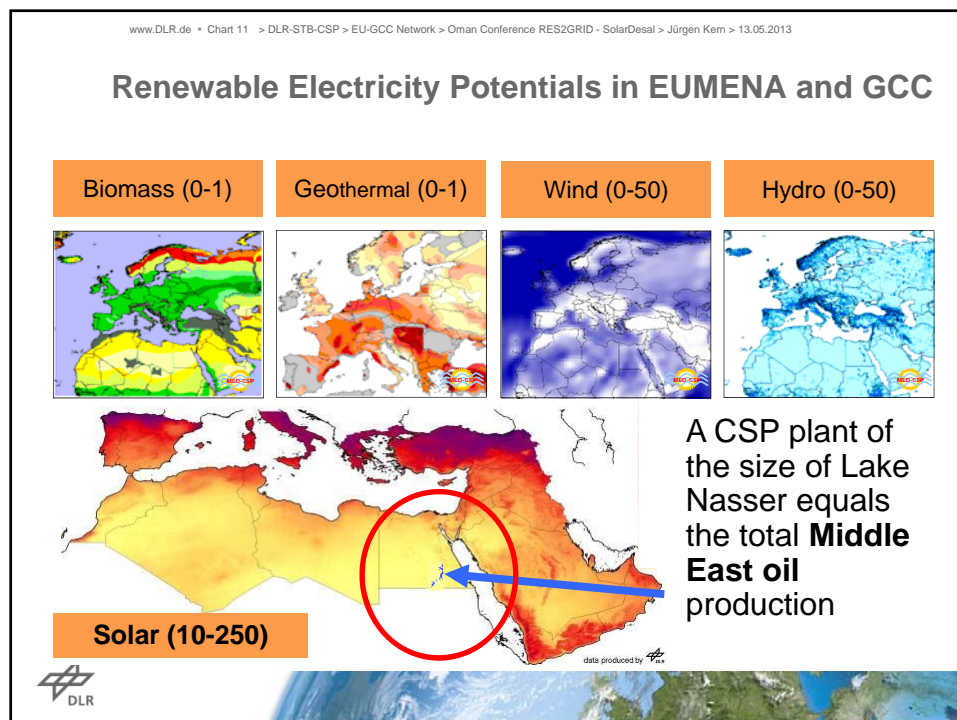
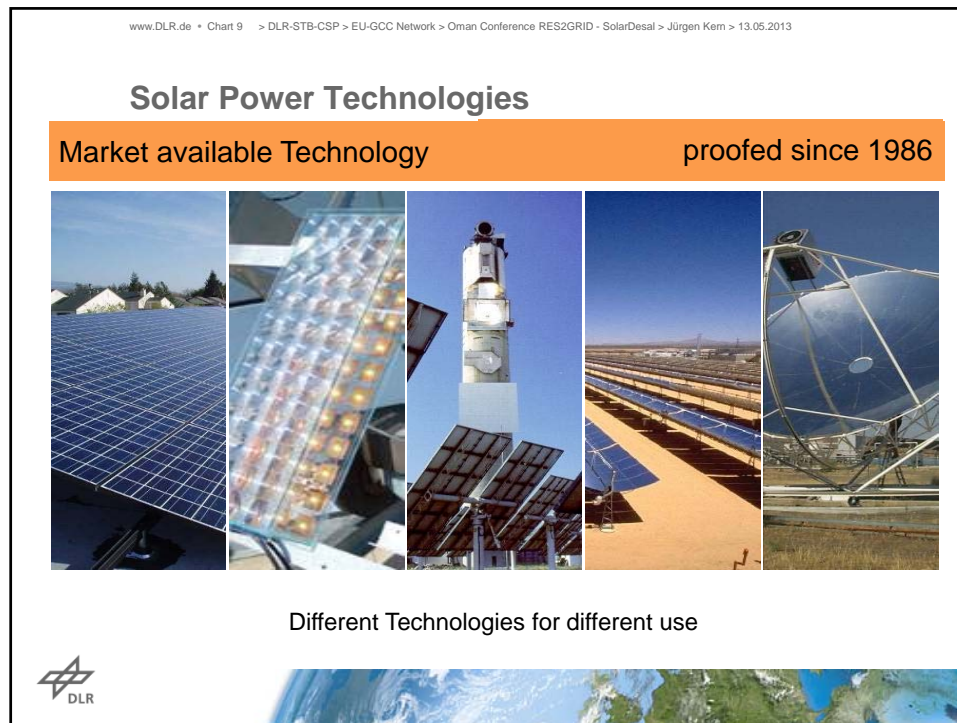
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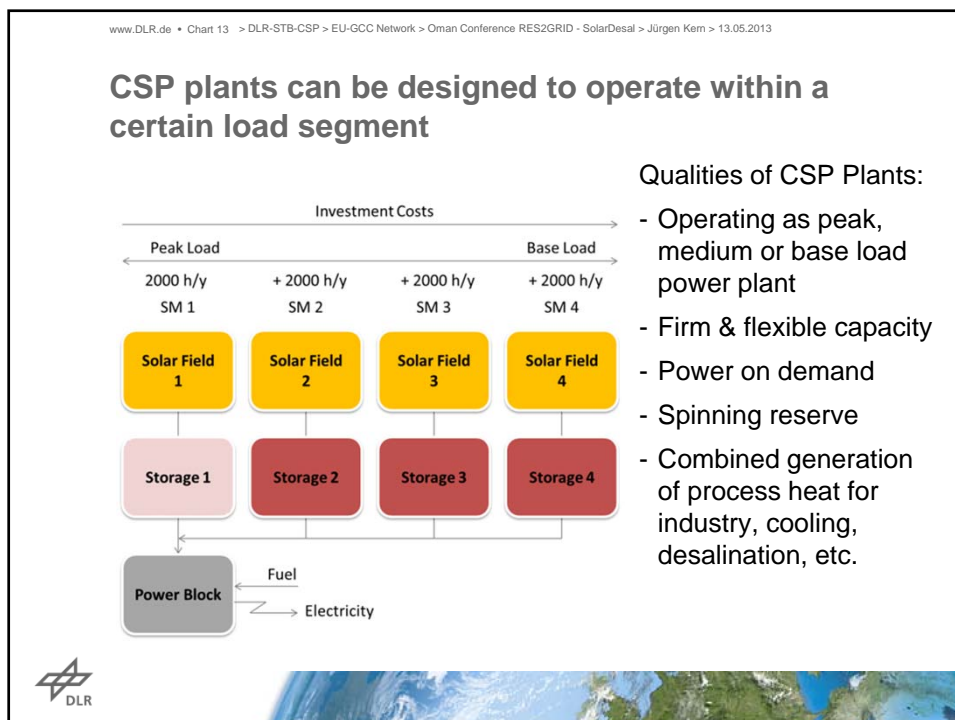
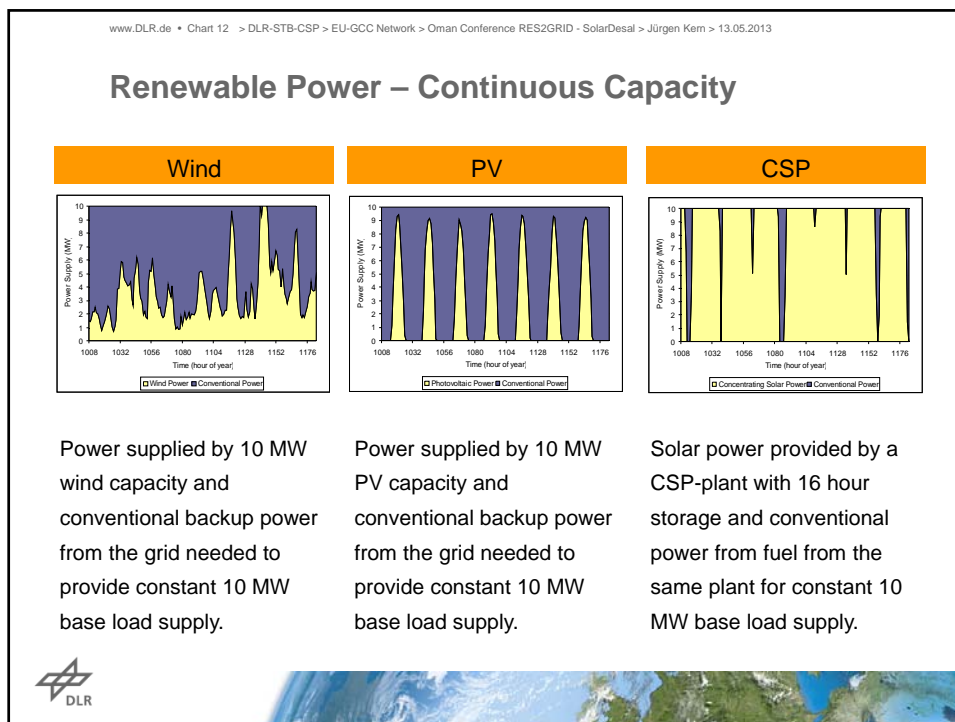
Biomass Power (NREL)



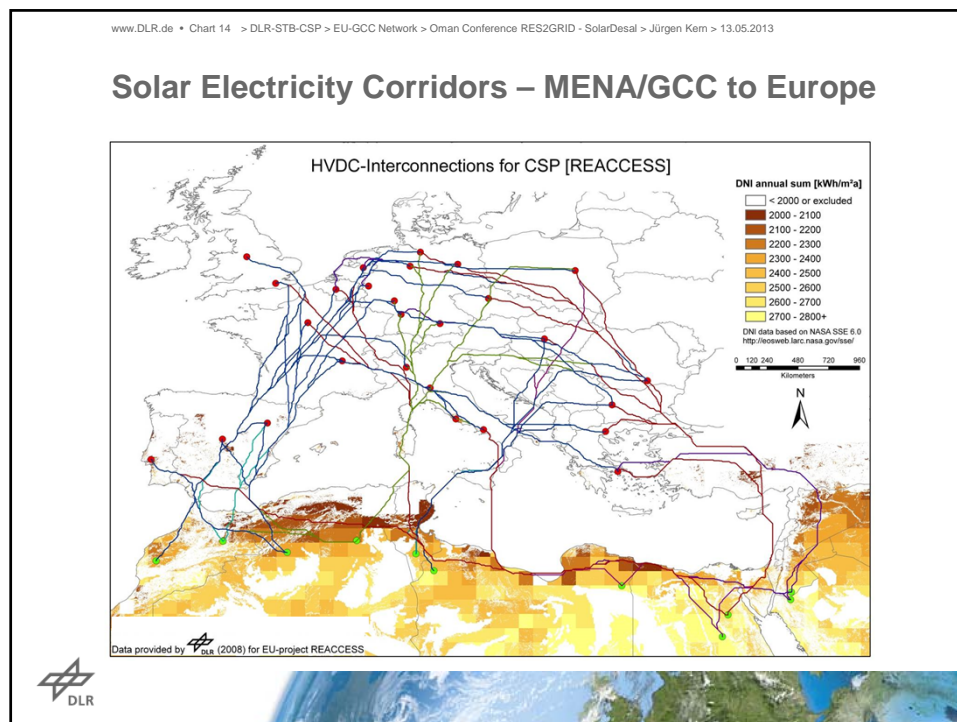
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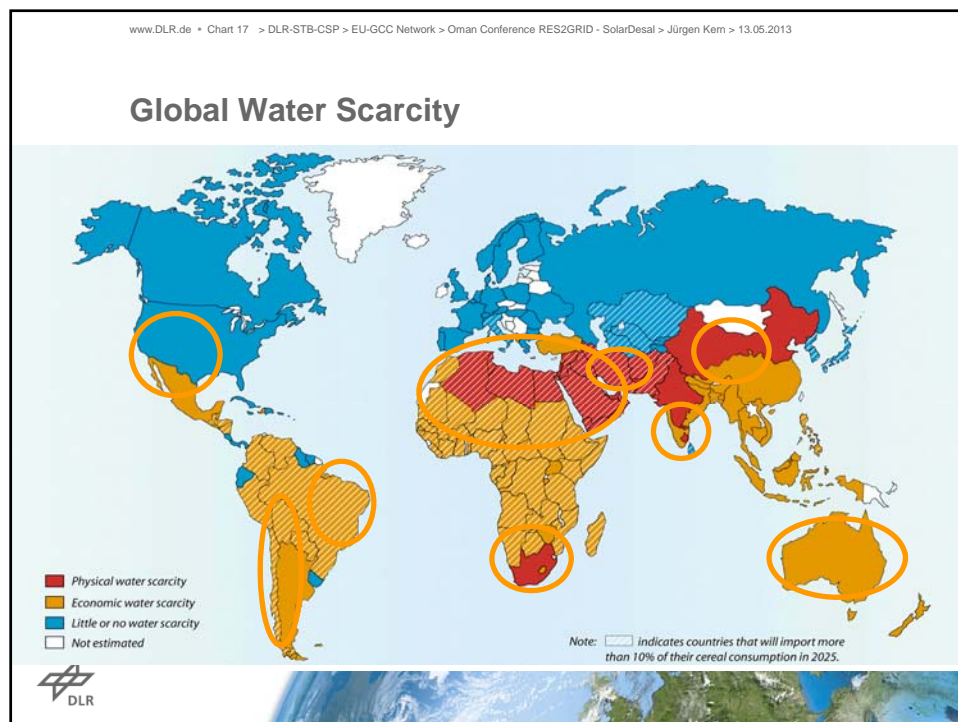
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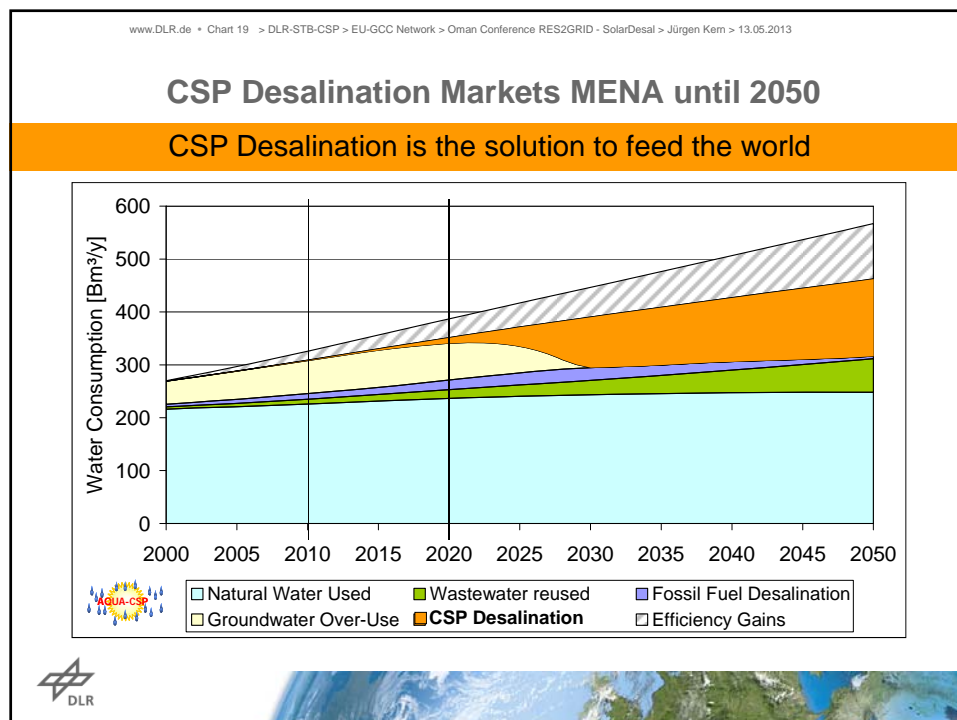
Projects and Milestones

▪ MED-CSP	www.dlr.de/tt/med-csp	2005
▪ TRANS-CSP > DESERTEC	www.dlr.de/tt/trans-csp	2006
▪ AQUA-CSP	www.dlr.de/tt/aqua-csp	2007
▪ MED-CSD		2008-2010
▪ EU GCC Clean Energy Network		2010-
▪ "Water And Power: Challenges And Solutions"		2012
▪ "RES Integration in the Grid"		today
▪ CSP Finance		2011
▪ World Bank MENA Water Outlook		2011
▪ IRENA Solar Atlas		2010-2013
▪ BETTER		2012-
▪ Bringing Europe and Third countries closer Together through Renewable Energies		
▪ QatDLR		2012-

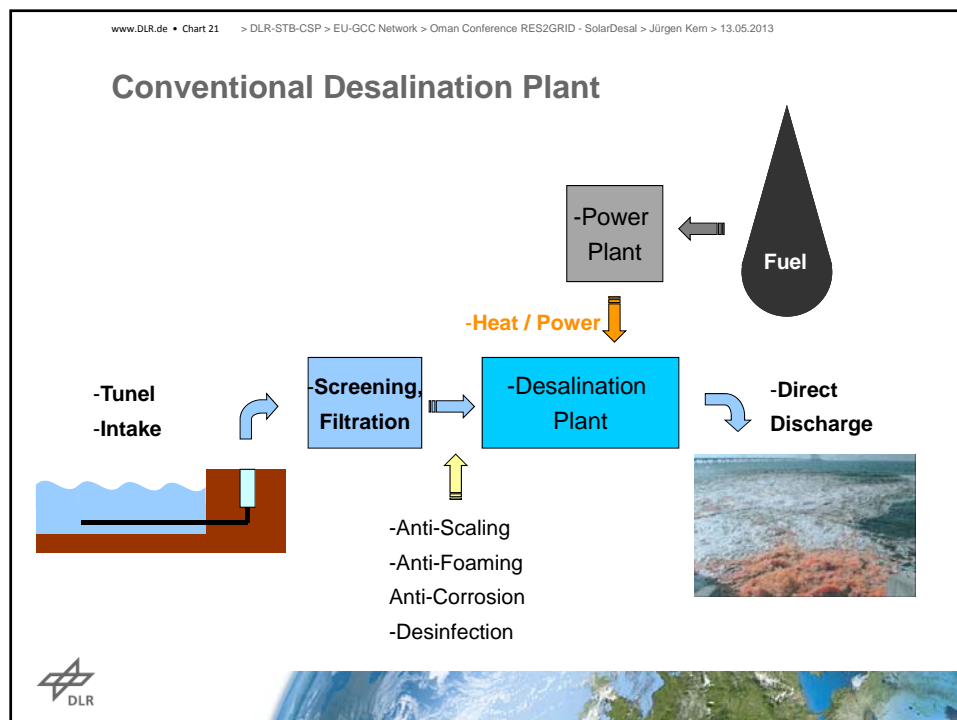
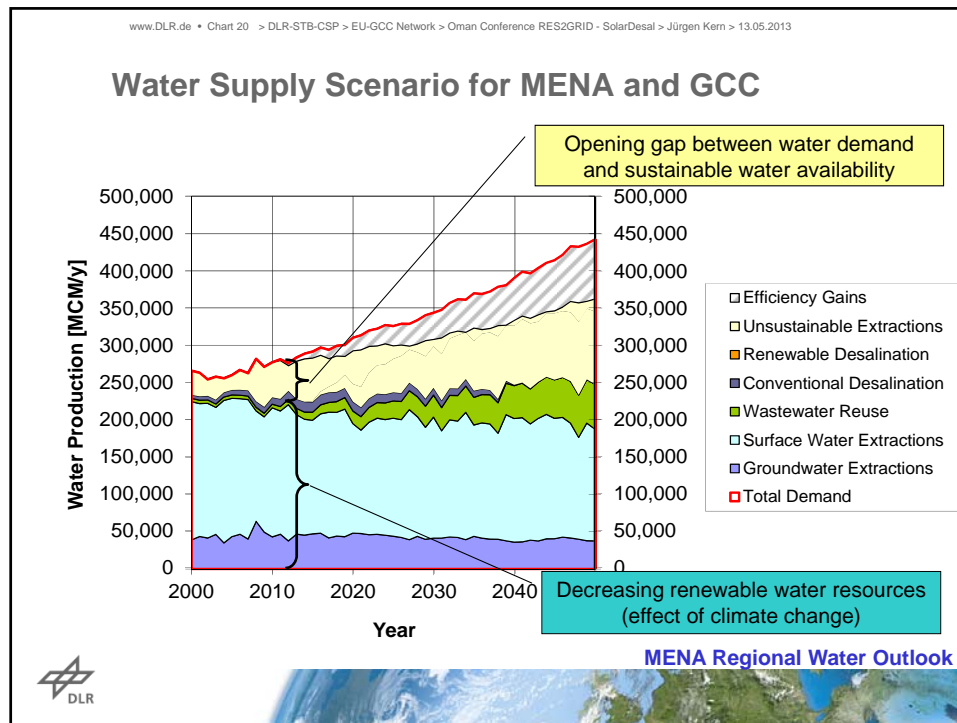
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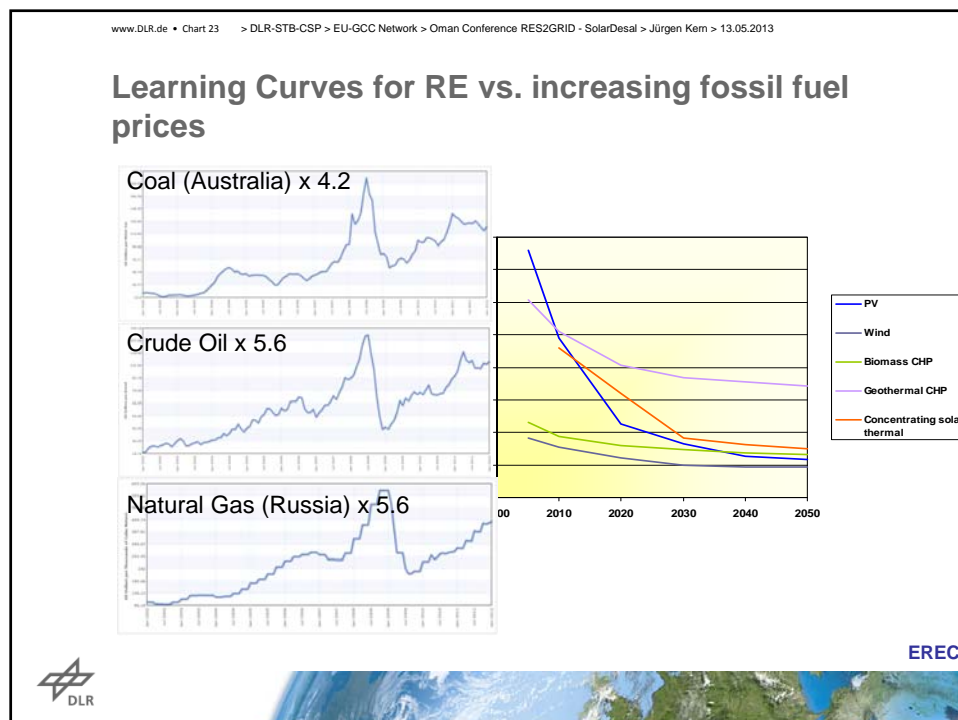
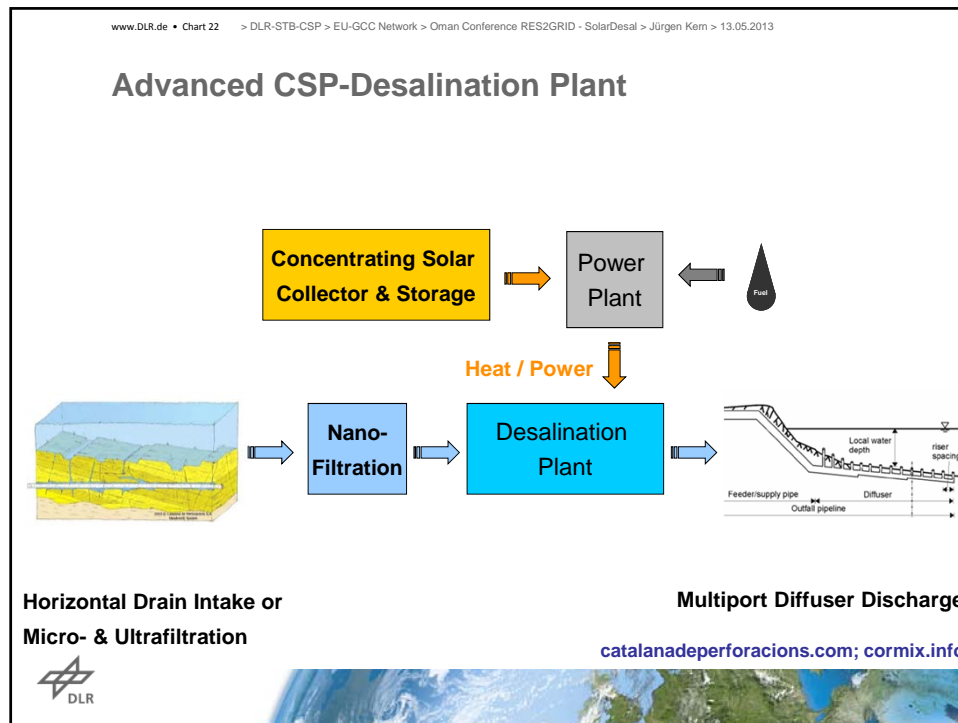




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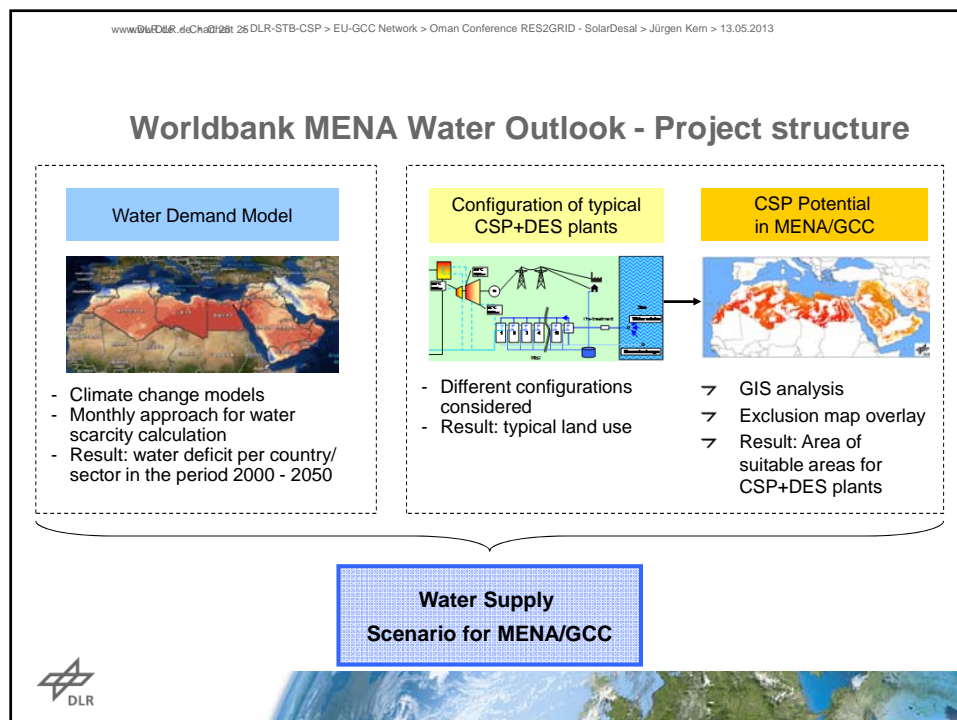
The MENA Water Outlook Project

- Project supported by the World Bank
- In collaboration with Governments in the MENA Countries
- Objectives:
 - review of desalination potential in combination with CSP
 - development of a water supply scenario for MENA

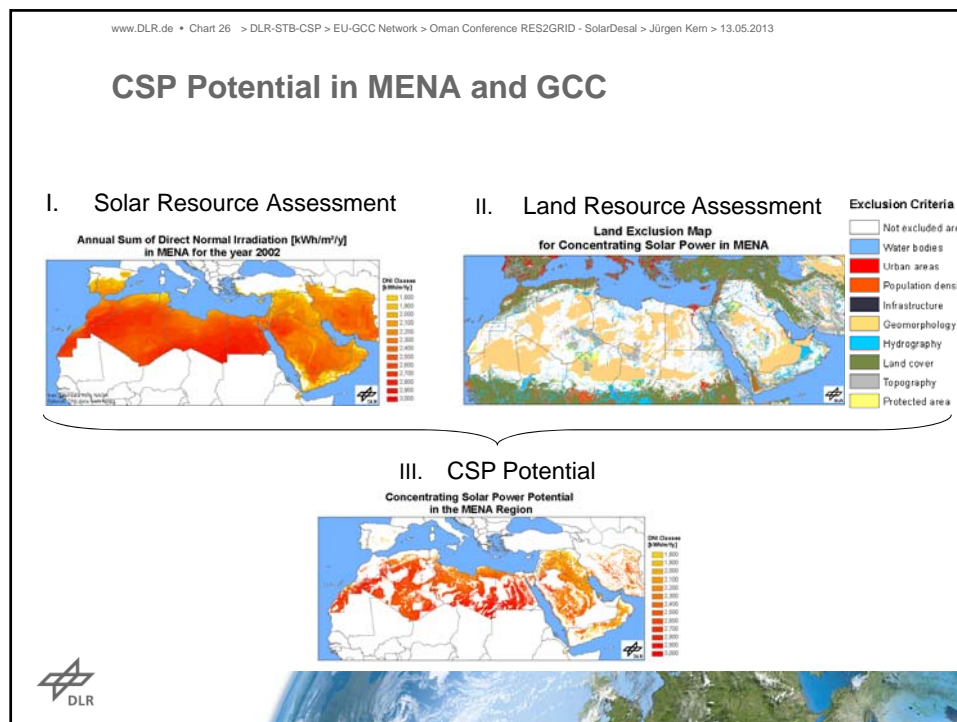








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Conclusions of WorldBank MENA Water Outlook

- **High uncertainty on future water availability!** Unmet water demand of MENA and GCC in 2050 between 85 km³ and 283 km³ (average scenario 199 km³)
- Yearly adaptation cost US\$ 103 Billion €₂₀₁₀.
- Yemen (11.8%), Iraq (7.5%), Morocco (4.7%), Jordan (4.0%) and Egypt (2.4%) will face the highest cost in relation to the GDP.
- **Almost all countries have enough potential to develop CSP also on coastal areas**
- Start to act now in order to build-up the required industrial capacities. **Political support is required!**

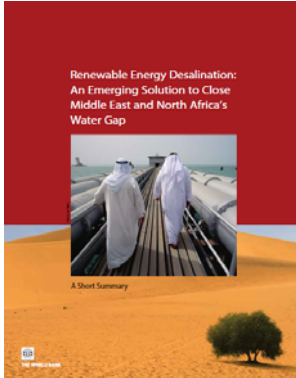
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Publications

The World Bank



Renewable Energy Desalination:
An Emerging Solution to Close
Middle East and North Africa's
Water Gap

A Short Summary

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Book
March 2011



MENA Regional Water Outlook

Part II
Desalination Using Renewable
Energy

FINAL REPORT



Task 1 - Desalination Potential
Task 2 - Energy Requirement
Task 3 - Concentrate Management

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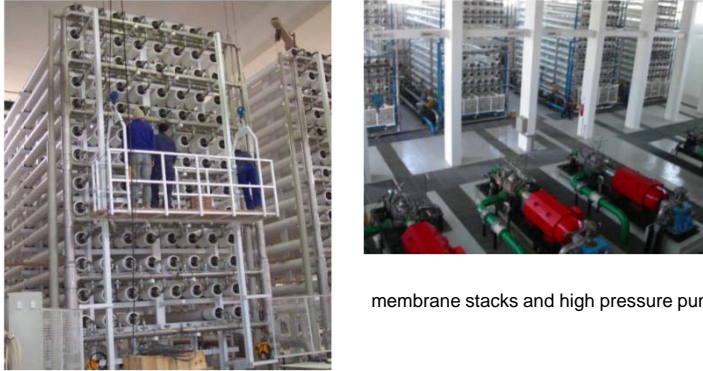
Desalination Technologies

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Reverse Osmosis (RO) Membrane Desalination

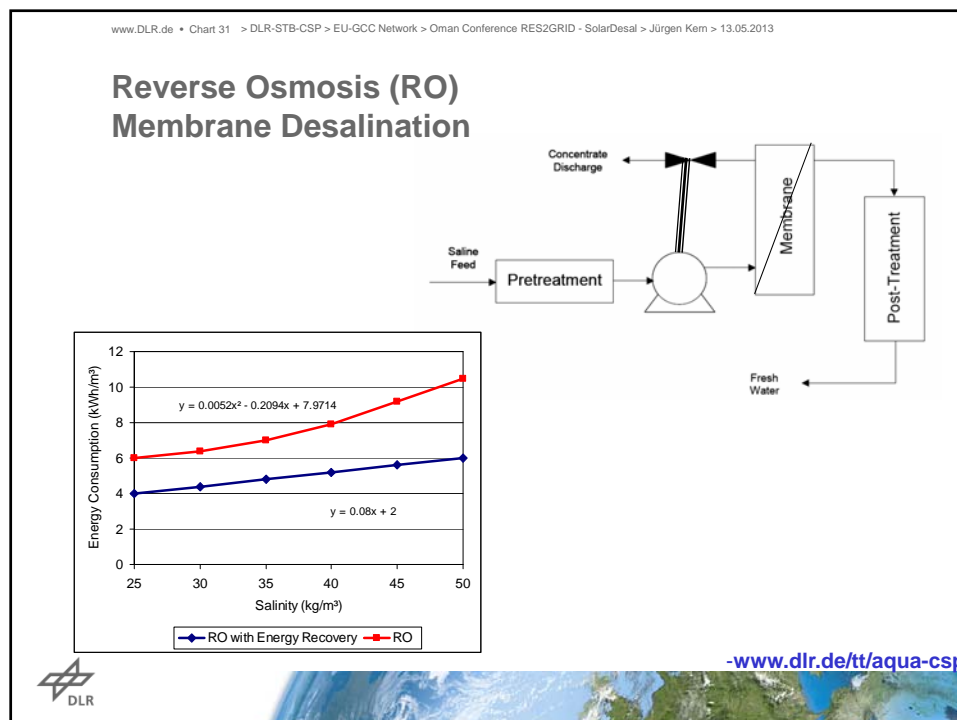


membrane stacks and high pressure pumps

Source: Mertes, DME

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SWRO: Key Design Considerations (I)

Operational features

- Large membrane area and narrow flow cross section cause susceptibility to bio-fouling
- Pre-treatment process to be adapted to the seawater conditions
- Seawater salinity and temperature affect the power demand
- No perfect salt rejection – usually a second pass required

Energy

- Electrical energy demand (order of magnitude: 4 kWh/m³)
- Absence of heat demand allows for stand alone configuration
- Method of energy recovery (Pelton turbine, turbocharger or isobaric system)



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SWRO: Key Design Considerations (II)

Capacity and plant design

- Plant capacity (current maximum: 500,000 m³/d)
- Modularity allows a high number of process configurations (e.g. train or centre design)

Durability

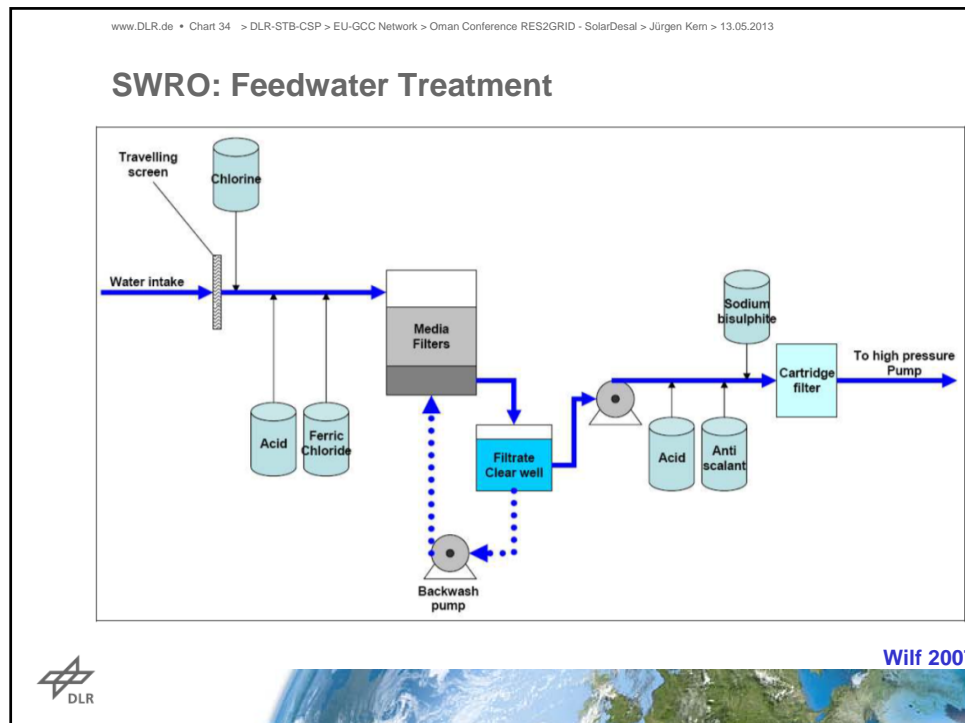
- Plant availability and service time
- Material selection (e.g. super duplex for high pressure section)

Supplier market

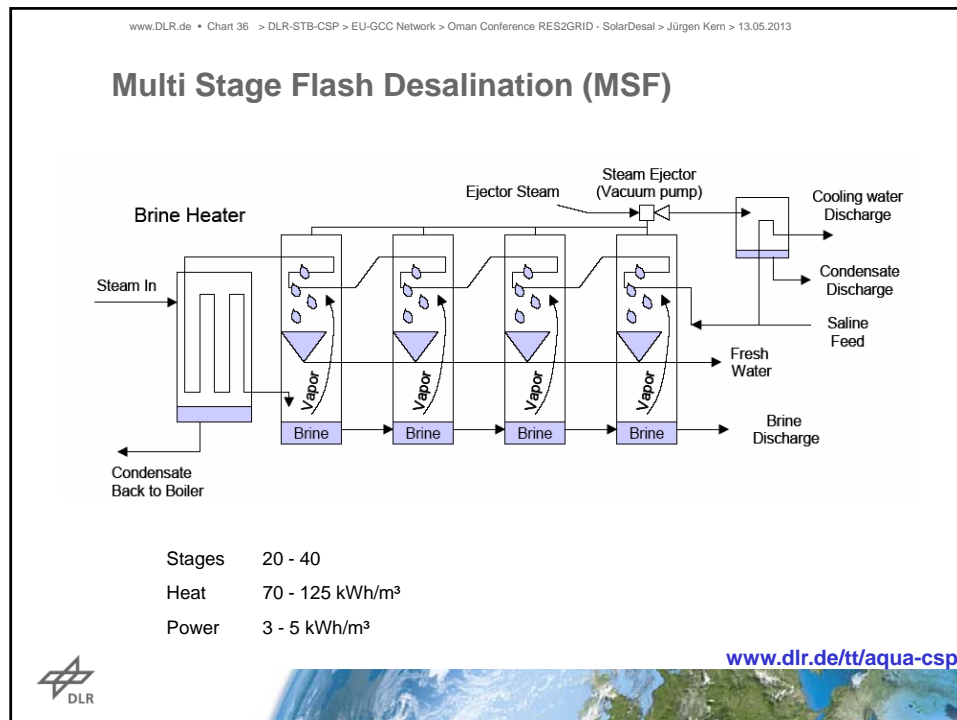
- Major Suppliers: Befesa, Cobra/Tedagua, Degremont (Suez), GE, Hyflux, IDE, OTV (Veolia)



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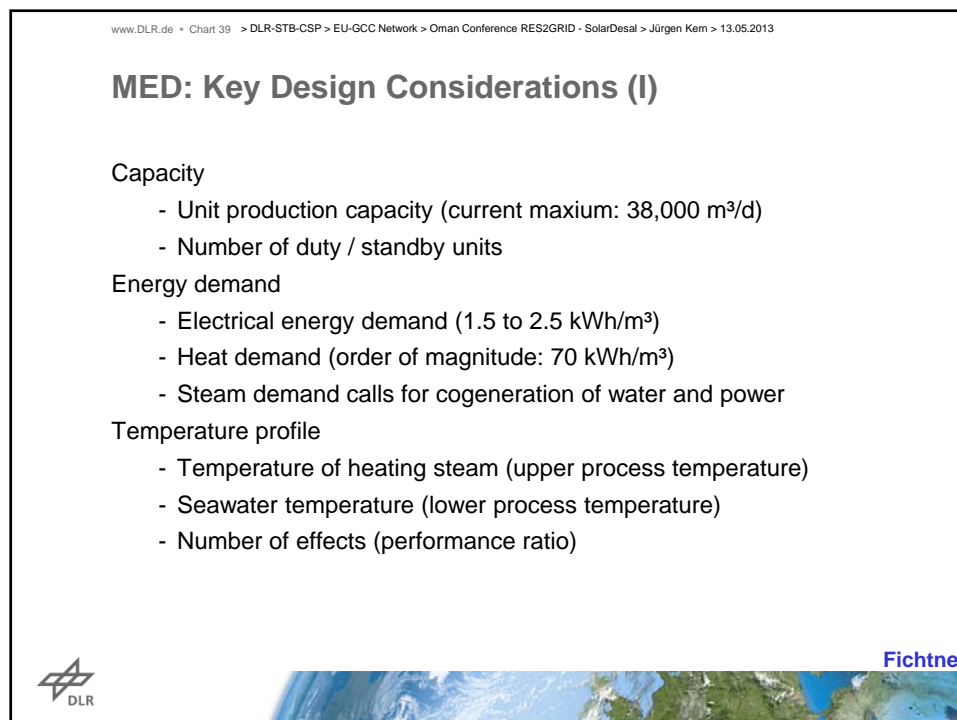
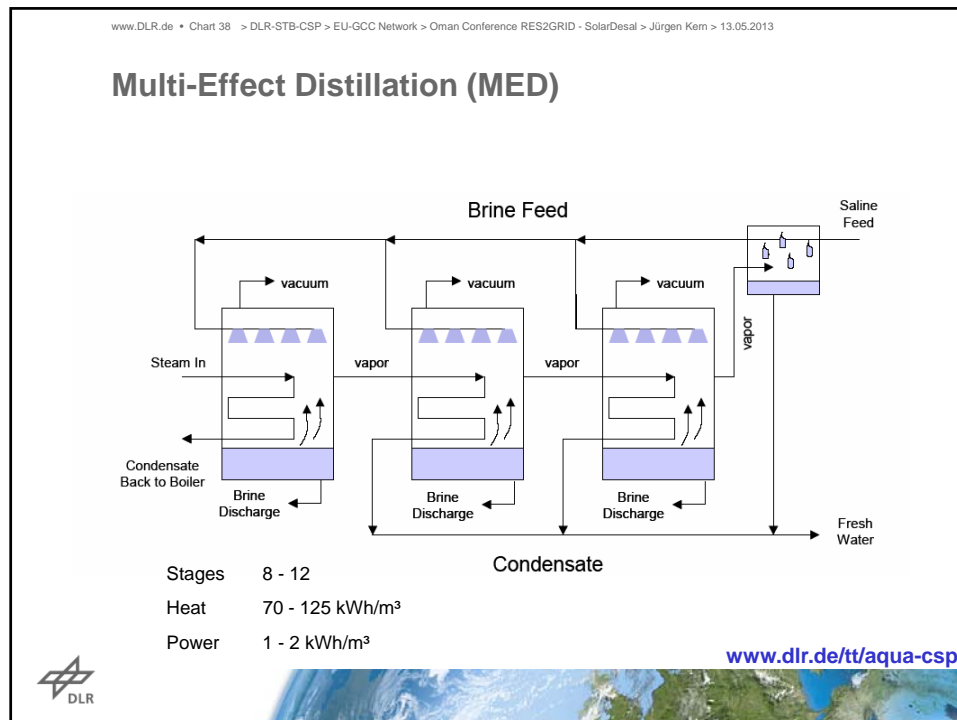
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Multi Effect Desalination (MED)

Aquasol - Spain	Abutaraba – Libya	Fujairah II IWPP - UAE
Solar Desalination 1988	VEOLIA / SIDEM 2003	Sidem JV 2009
High Efficiency 14 stages	3 units of 13,333 m ³ /d	12 units of 38,640 m ³ /d
Plataforma Solar Almeria	GECOL, Libya	ADWEA, Abu Dhabi

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MED: Key Design Considerations (II)

Durability

- Plant availability and service time
- Material selection (e.g. Titanium tubes in top rows and alu brass tubes in below rows)

Operational features

- Robust in regard to seawater salinity and bio-fouling potential
- High distillate quality

Supplier market

- Major MED Suppliers: SIDEM (Veolia); others are following



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Comparison of Desalination Technologies

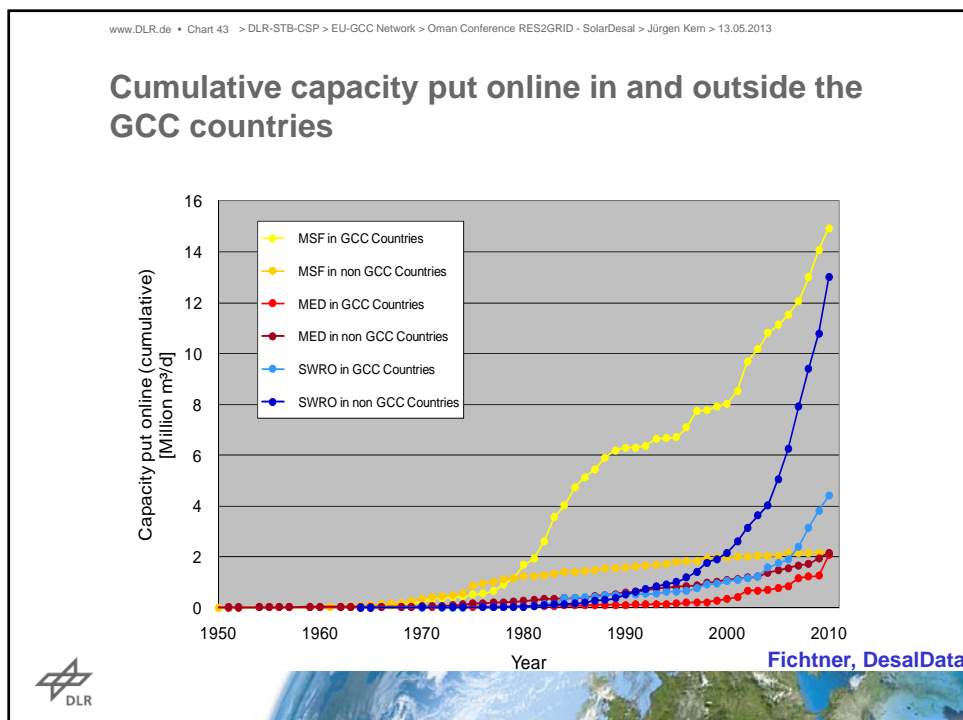
Technology	Spec. el. Consumption	Steam pressure	Thermal energy	Equivalent power loss	Total energy requirements
	kWh _{el} /m ³	bar	kWh _{th} /m ³	kWh _{el} /m ³	kWh _{el} /m ³
SWRO (Med. Sea)	3.5	-	0	0	3.5
SWRO (Gulf)	4.5	-	0	0	4.5
MSF	4 - 5	2.2 - 2.5	80	10 - 20	14 - 25
MED-TVC	1 - 1.5	2.2 - 2.5	80	10 - 20	11 - 21.5
MED	1 - 1.5	0.35 - 0.5	70	3	4 - 4.5

Technology	Advantages	Disadvantages
RO	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • For BW or SW applications • Relatively low total energy cons. • Lower CAPEX than MED / MSF • Lower feed water cons. than MED / MSF 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dependency from pre-treatment effectiveness • More complex operation than MED • Lower product water quality (ca. 200 - 300 ppm for single pass units)
MED	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Also for high saline / bad quality water • High product water quality (< 20 ppm) • Reliability / long operation periods without cleaning • Smaller heat transfer area / better thermal efficiency than MSF • Low spec. electrical consumption 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • High investment cost (dependency on steel price fluctuations) • Higher feed water consumption than RO
MSF	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Also for high saline / bad quality water • High product water quality (< 20 ppm) • Reliability / simplicity of operation • Long operation experience • Large units (up to 90,000 m³/day) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • High investment cost (dependency on steel price fluctuations) • Elevate feed water consumption • High energy consumption

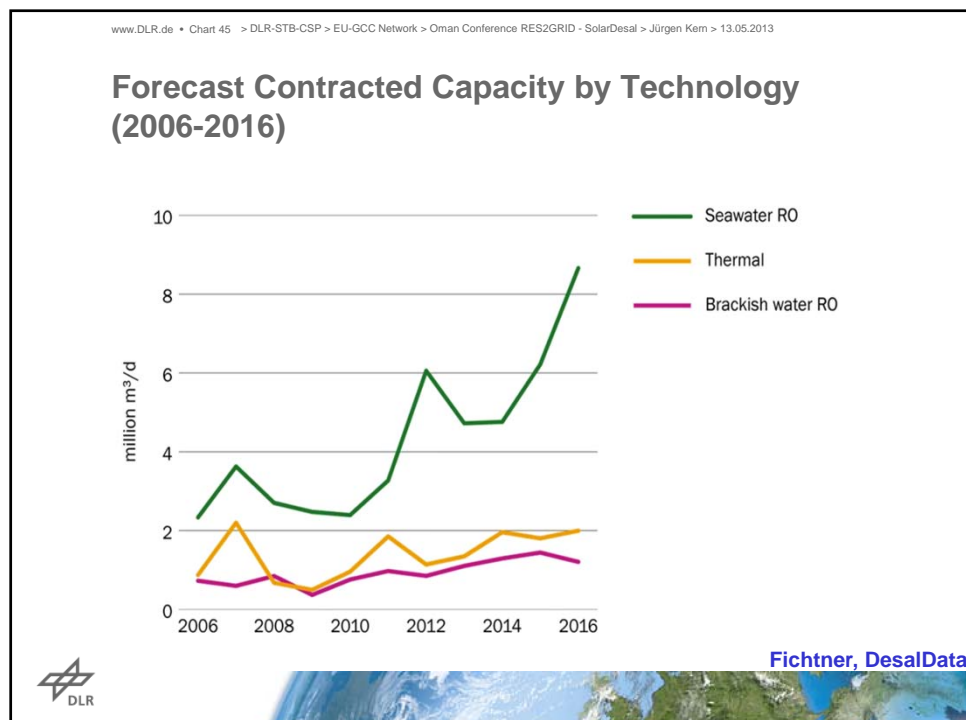
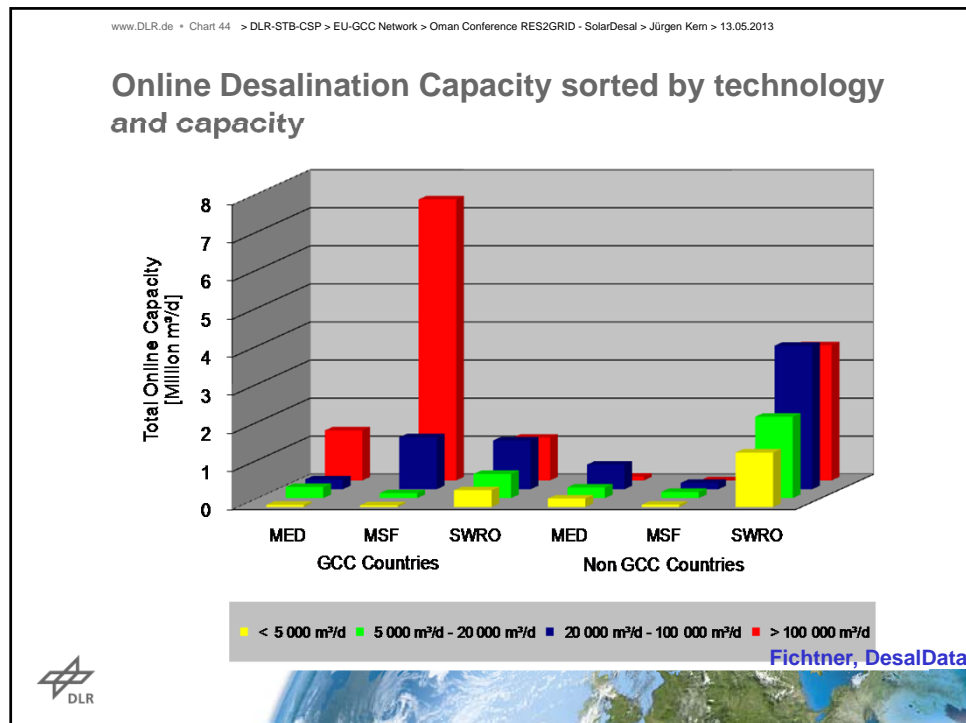
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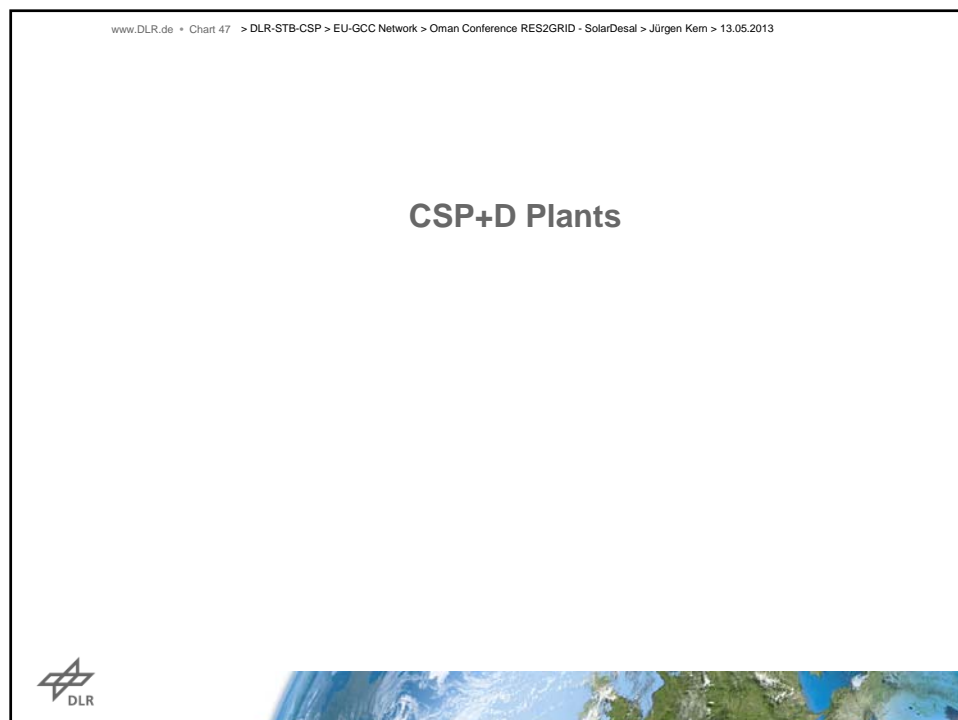
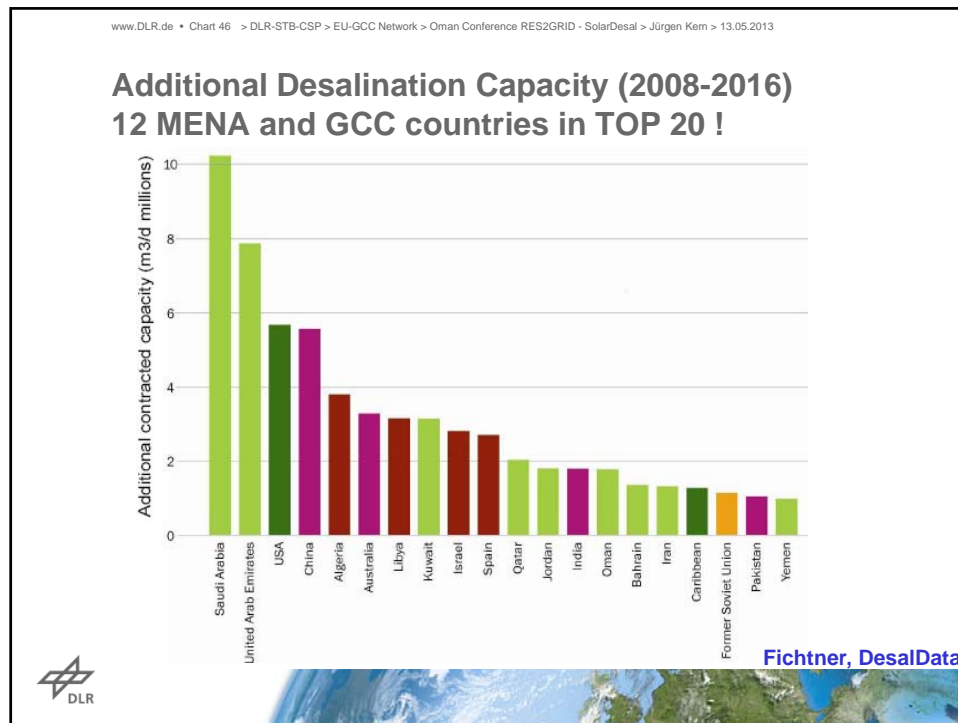
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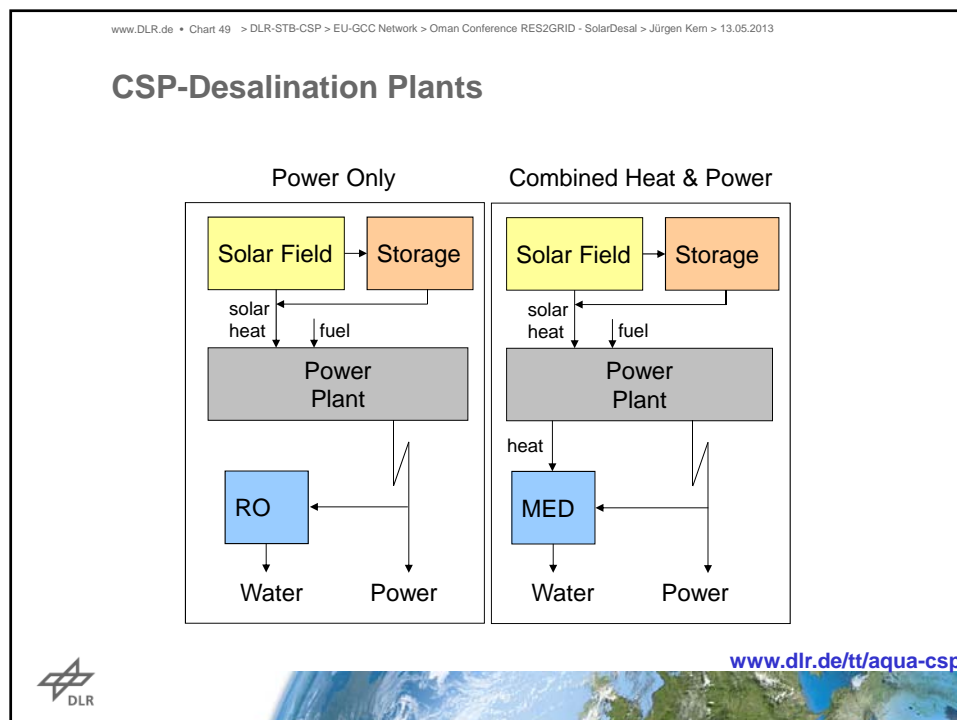
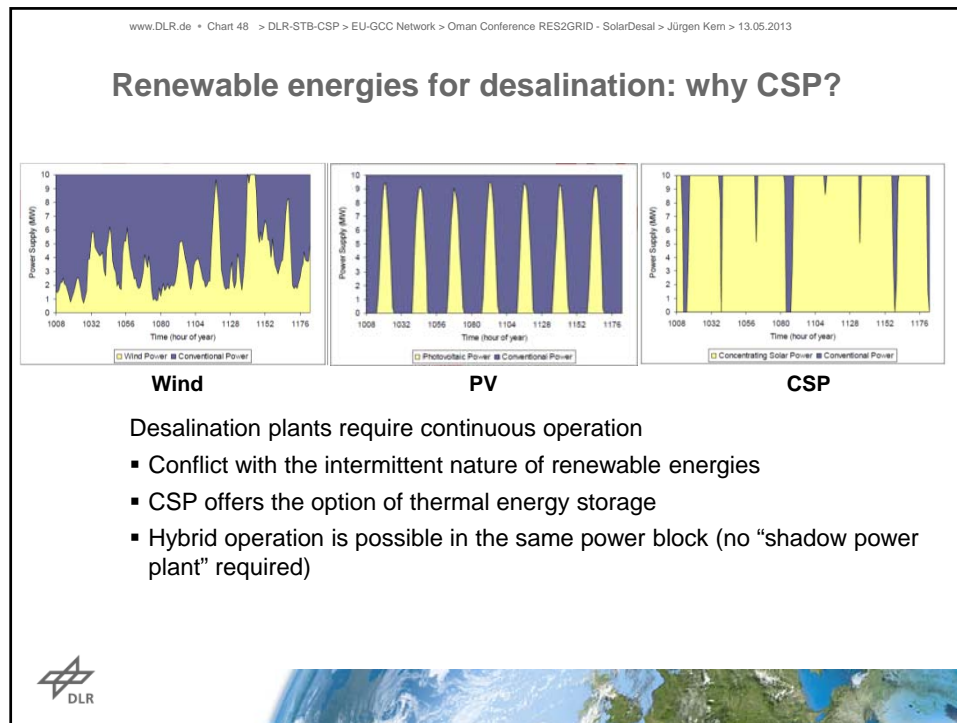
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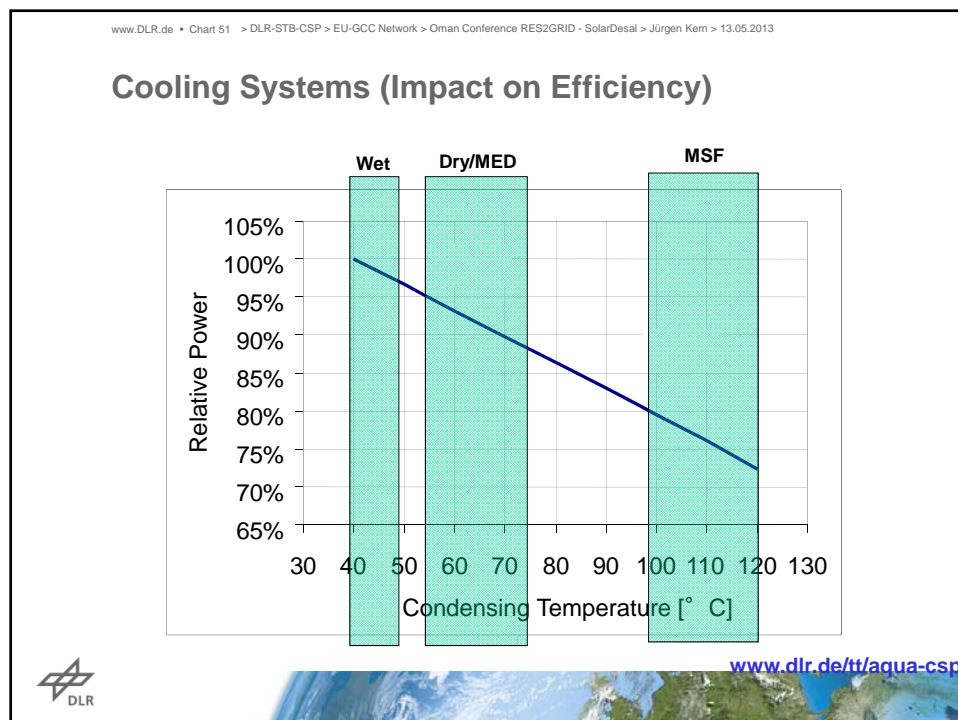
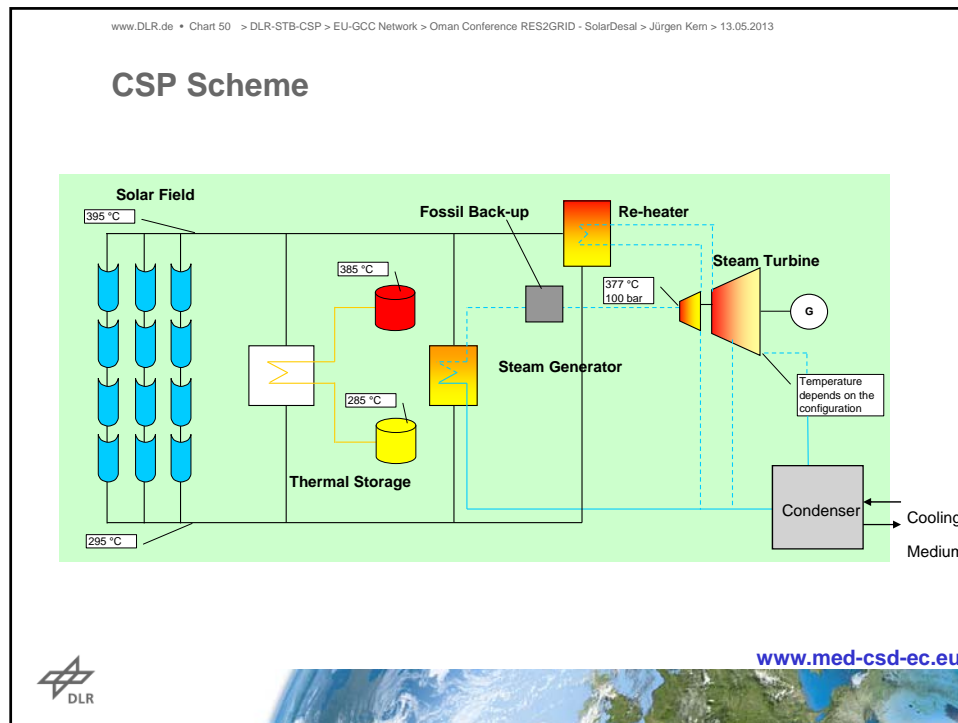
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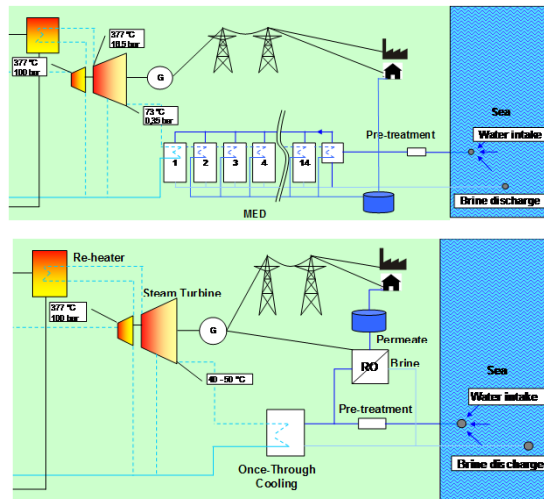


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Possible CSP+D Configurations

- 2 desalination technologies:
 - **MED: Multiple-Effect-Distillation**
 - **RO: Reverse Osmosis**
- Desalination: 100,000 m³/d
- Power: 100 MW_{el}
- Storage: 7.5 h (design)
- Plant operation: base load (8,000 h/y) with fossil fuel back-up
- **Levelized electricity cost: 20 – 24 US\$cent/kWh**
- **Levelized water cost: 1.5 – 1.9 US\$/m³**



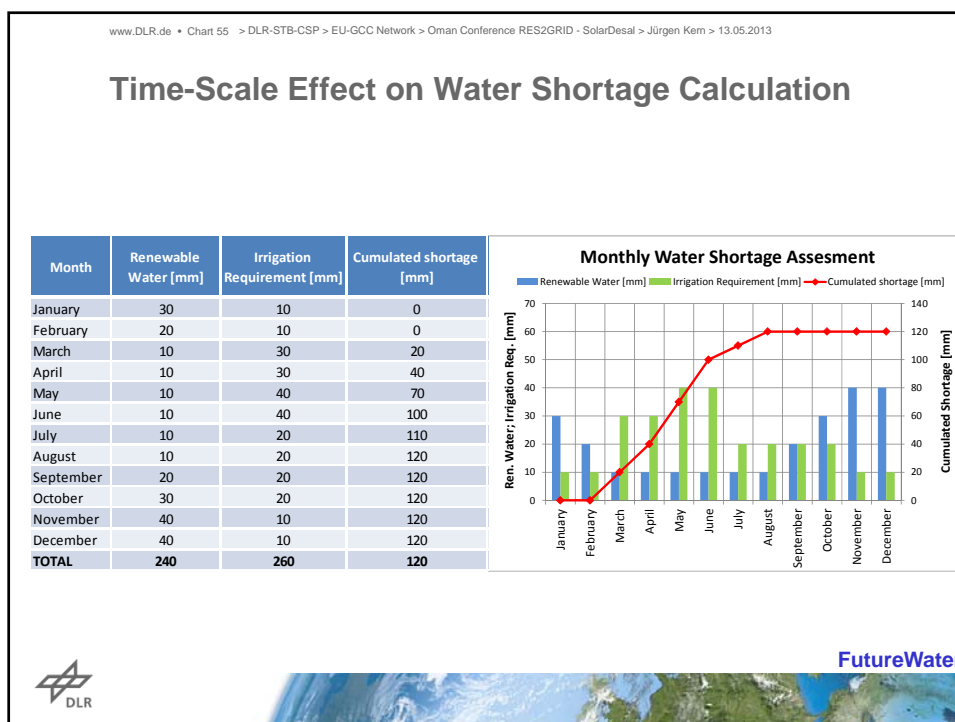
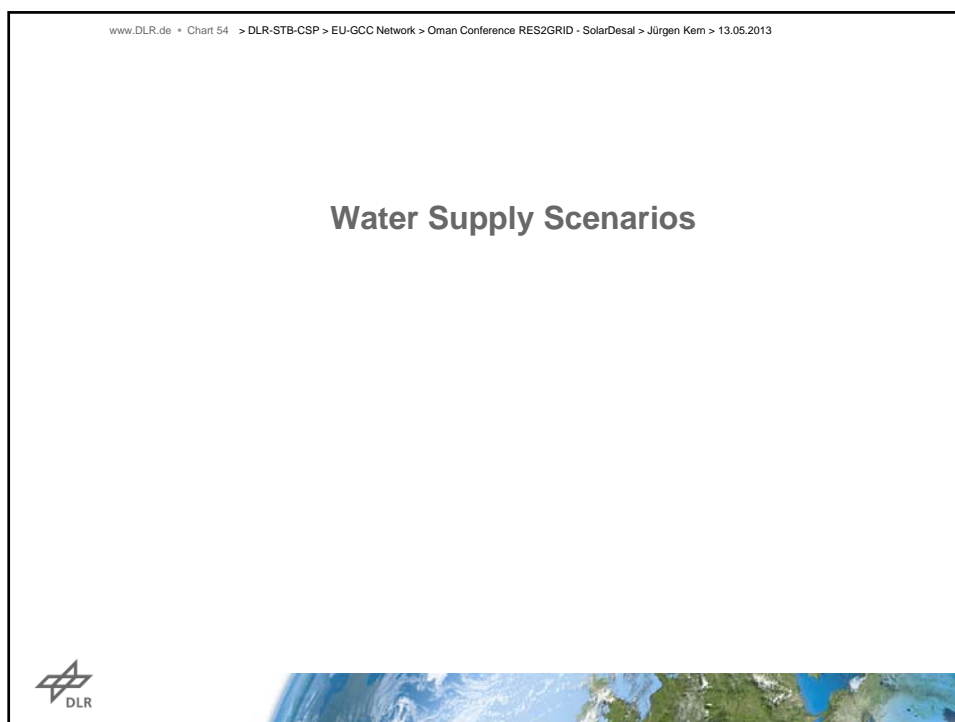
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Comparison of Configurations

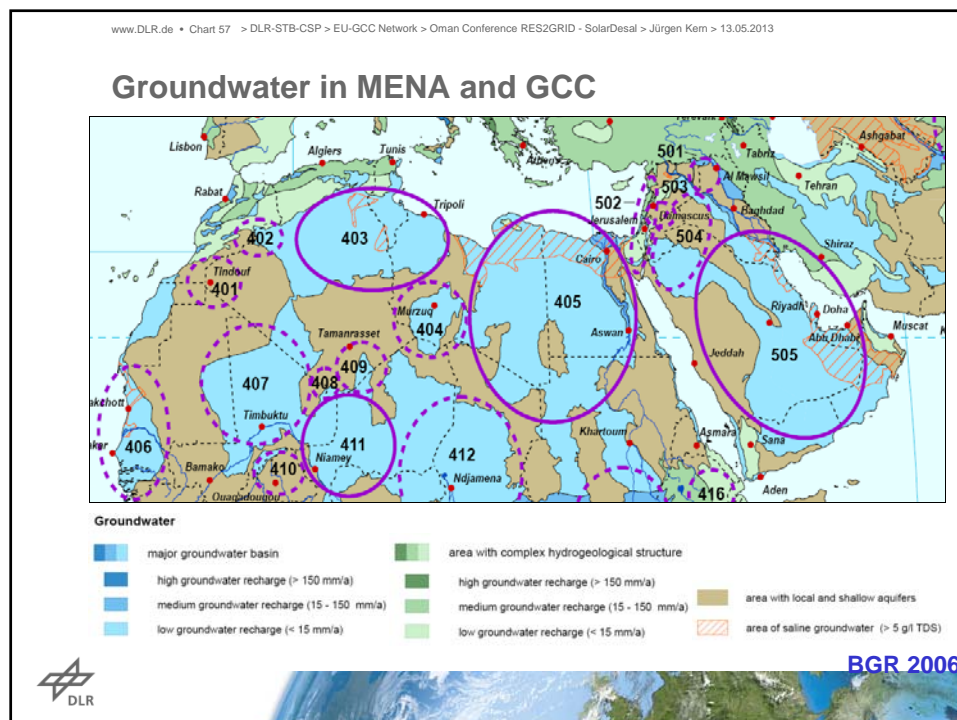
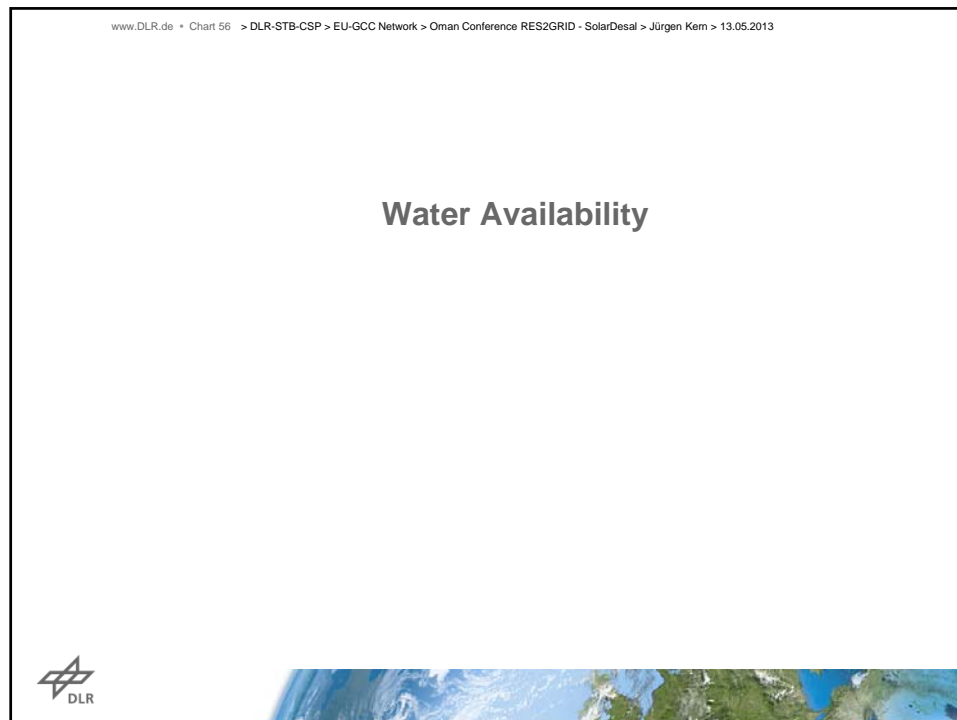
System	CSP/MED	CSP/RO
Site Selection	limited to coast	CSP may be anywhere, RO must be at the coast, while the public grid can be used for interconnection
Flexibility	interdependent operation	independent operation possible if plants interconnected through the public grid
Optimal Irradiance	defined by coastal site	CSP can be placed at site with higher irradiance, but certain amount of power is then lost by transmission to RO plant, and dry cooling leads to lower efficiency
Storage Options	molten salt, concrete, low temperature hot water storage possible	molten salt, concrete, phase change materials
Water Quality	independent of raw water quality, very high quality of product water	may be favourable for brackish raw water and if low product water quality is allowed
Other Uses	industrial co-generation of process heat, district cooling, integrated systems for power, cooling, desalination for tourism and rural development	power only



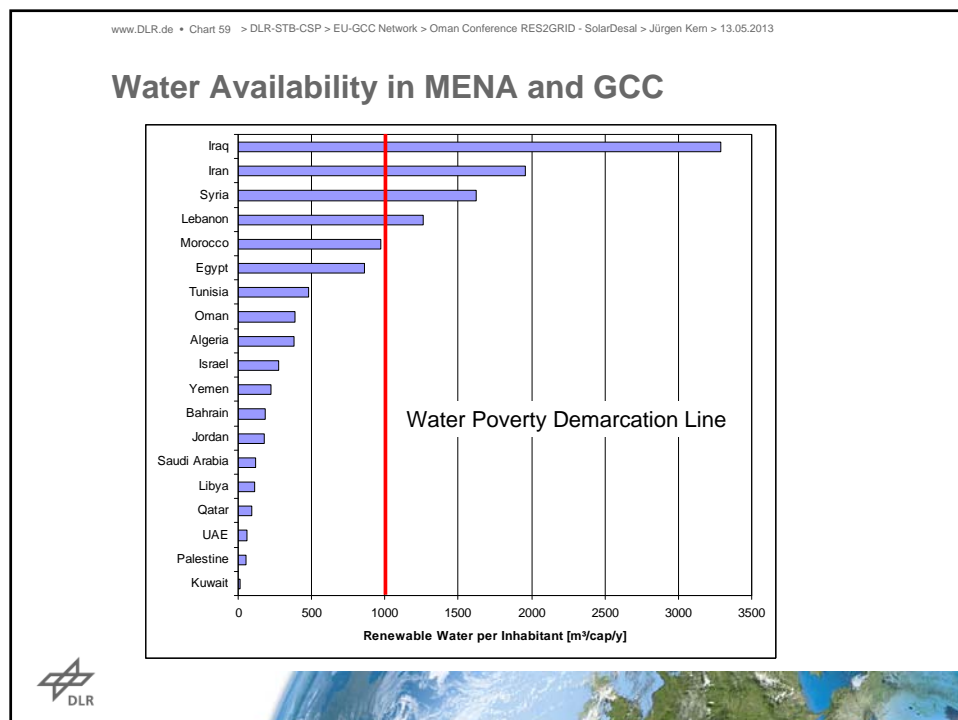
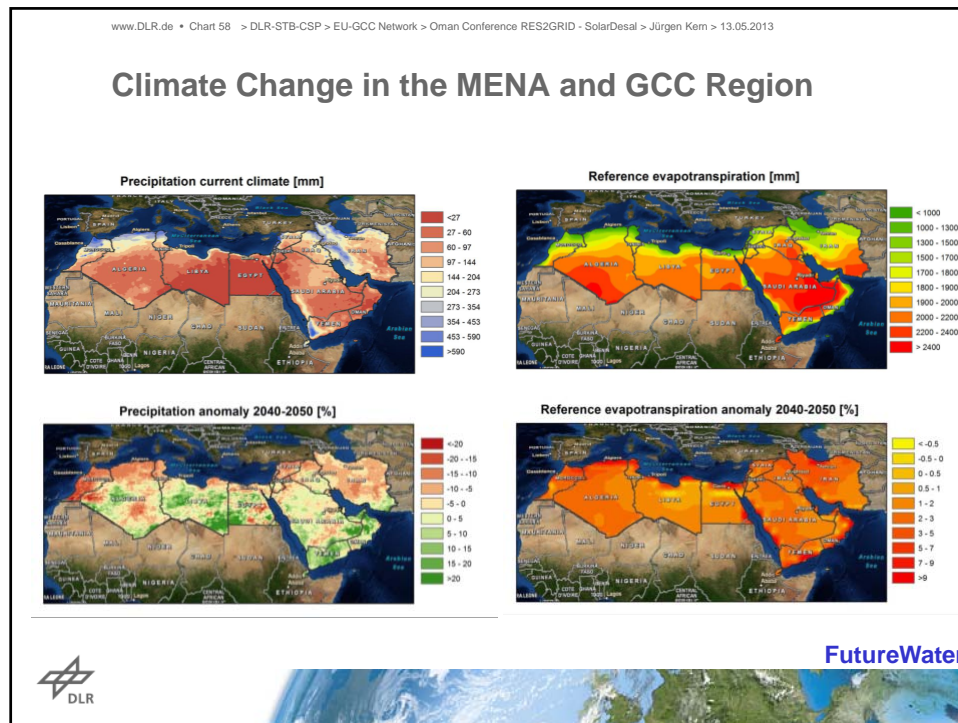
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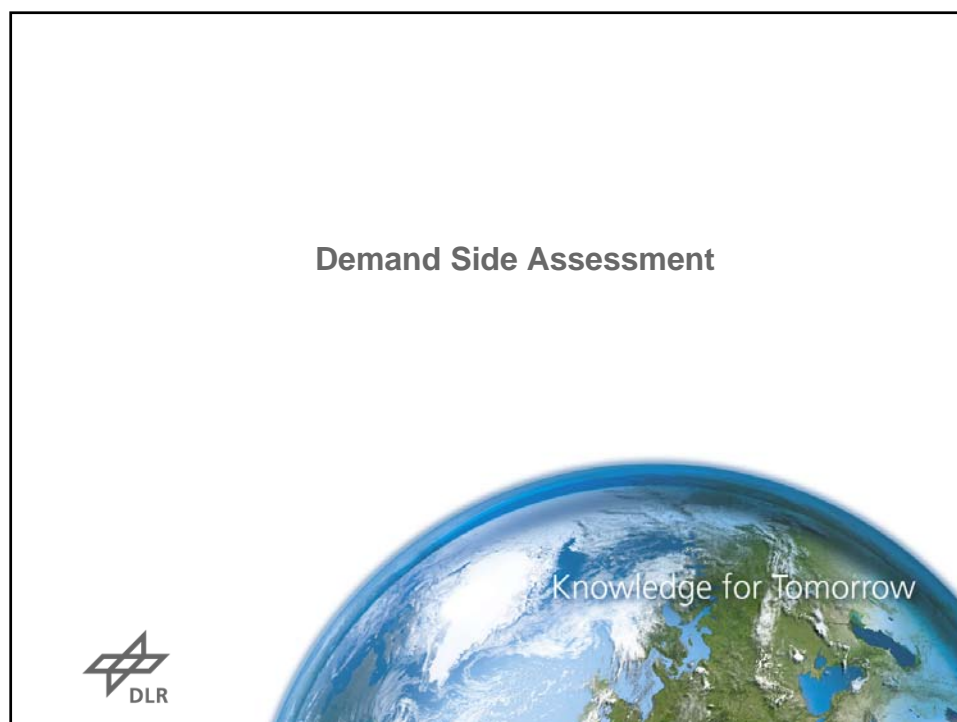
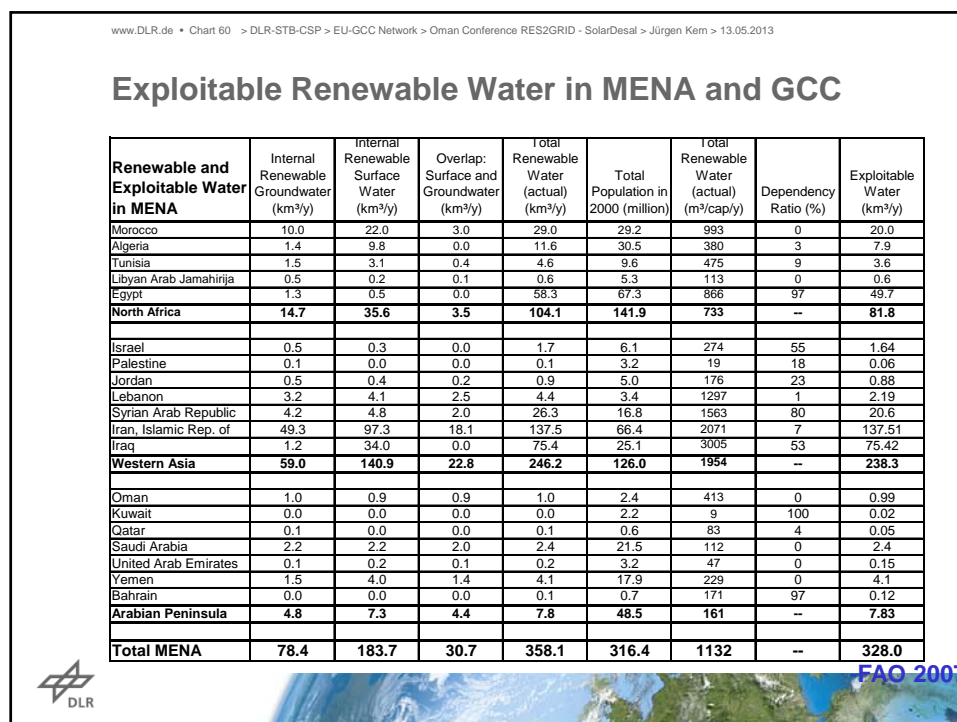
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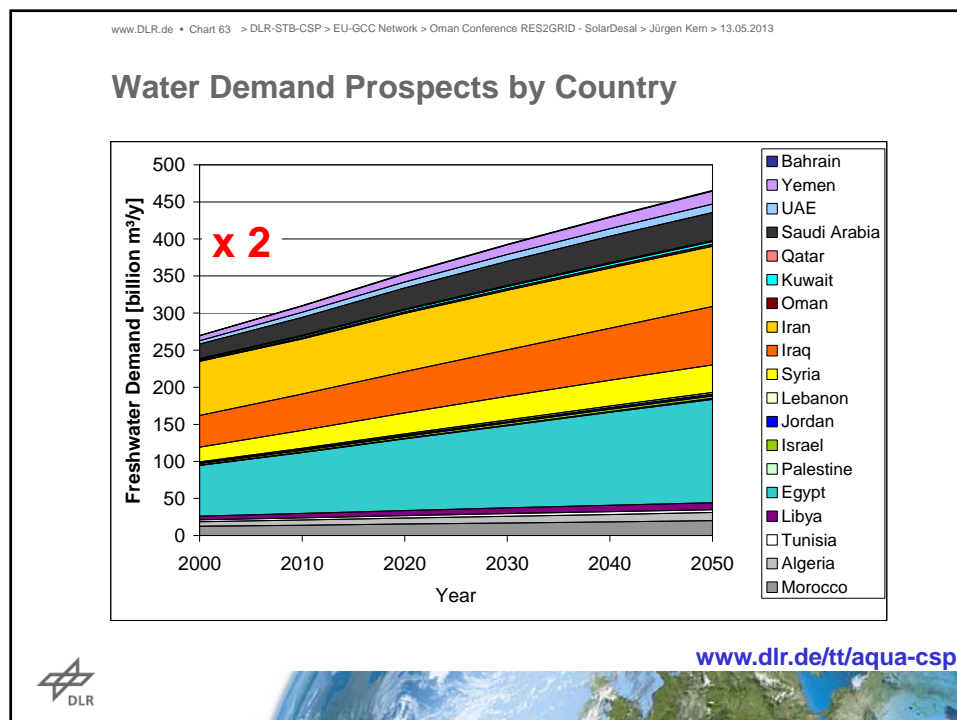
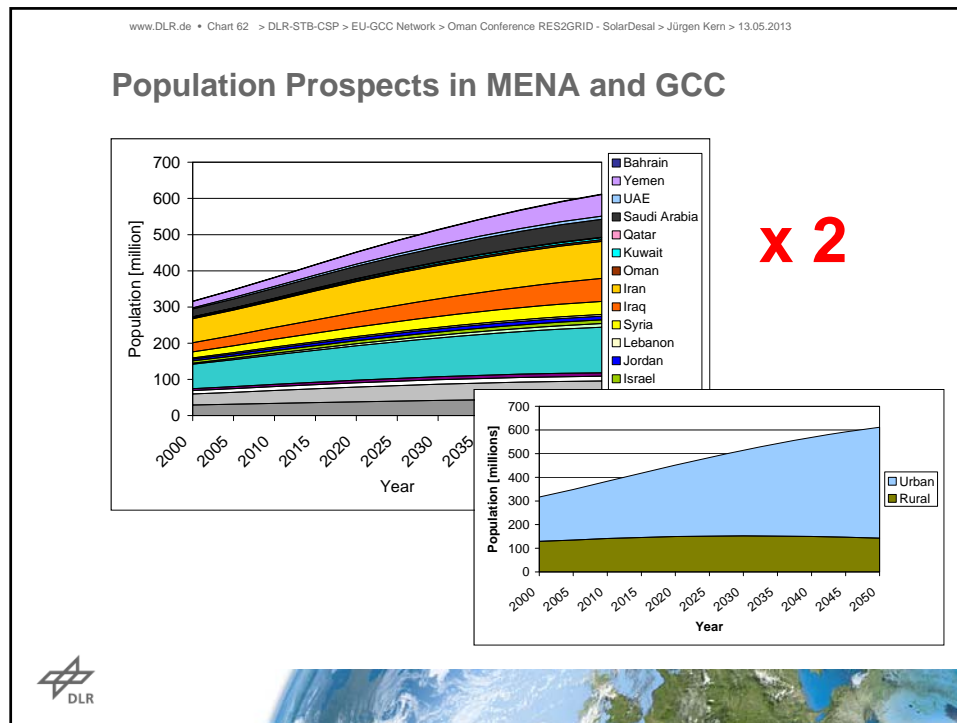
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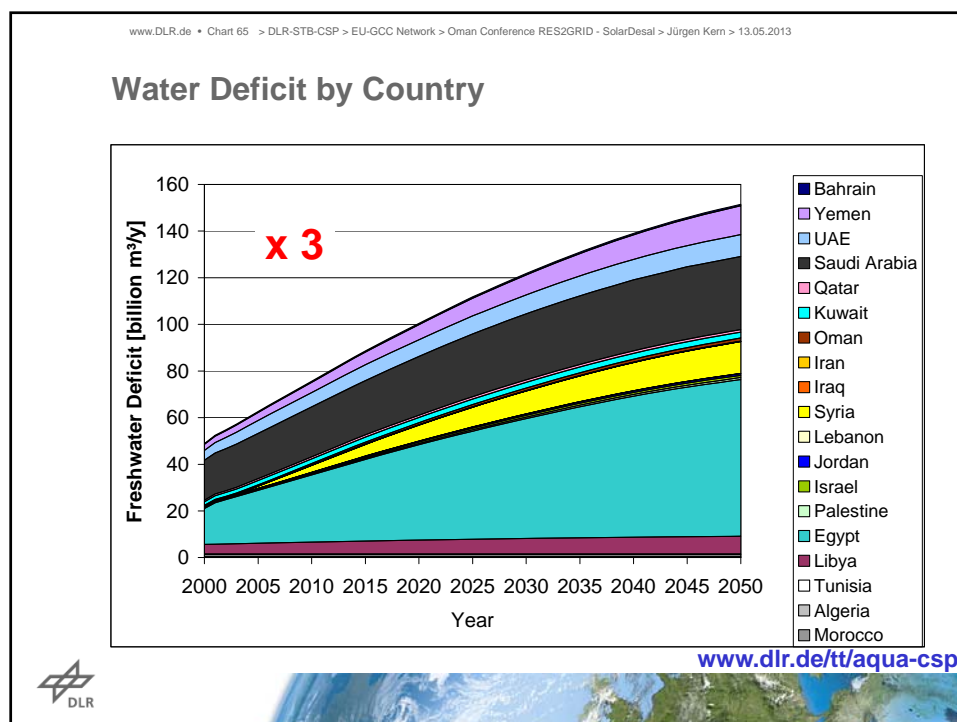
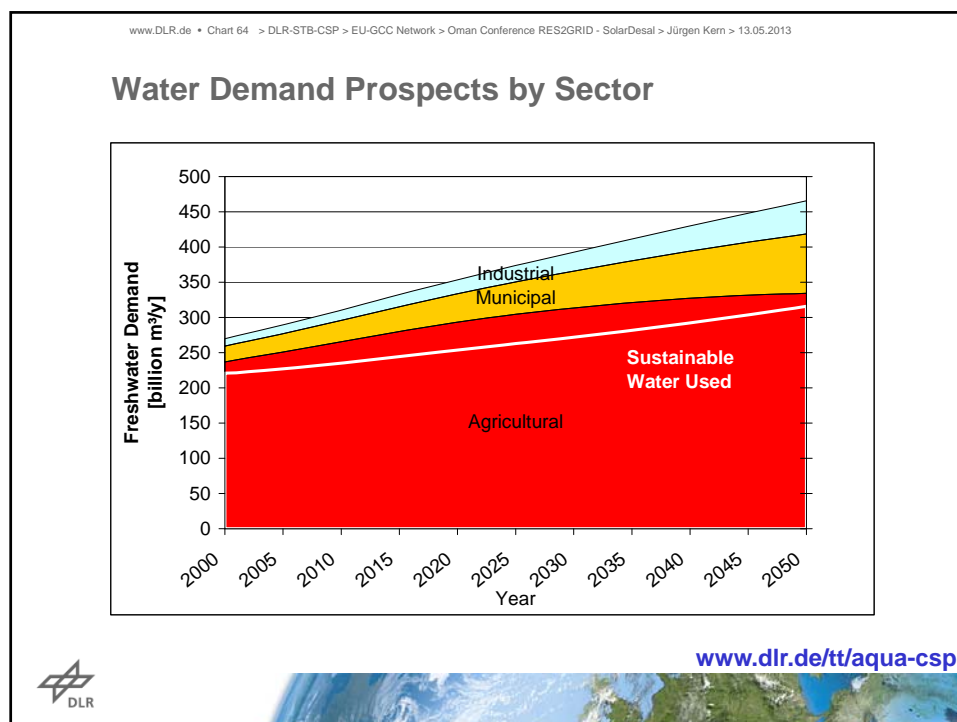
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Conclusions of Water Demand Assessment in MENA

- MENA population will double by 2050
- MENA economies will approximate European level by 2050
- Water demand would grow from 270 Bm³/y in 2000 to 460 Bm³/y in 2050
- Water deficit would increase from 50 Bm³/y in 2000 to 150 Bm³/y in 2050
- Over-use of groundwater is already above 45 Bm³/y
- Extreme efficiency could limit deficit to 100 Bm³/y
- ➔ Efficiency and new sources will be required to cover water deficits



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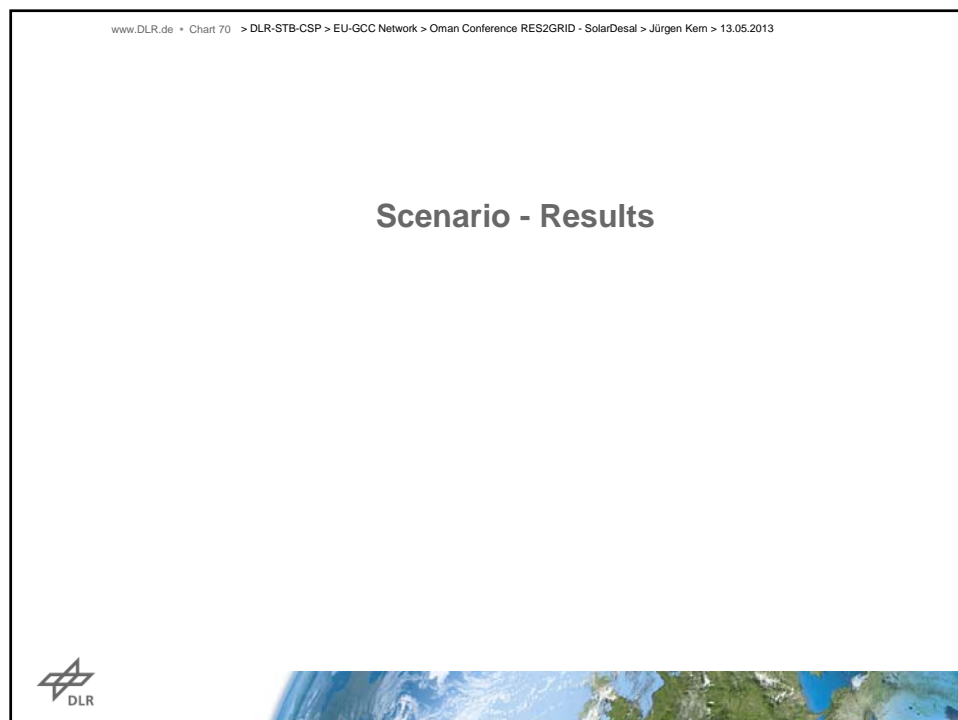
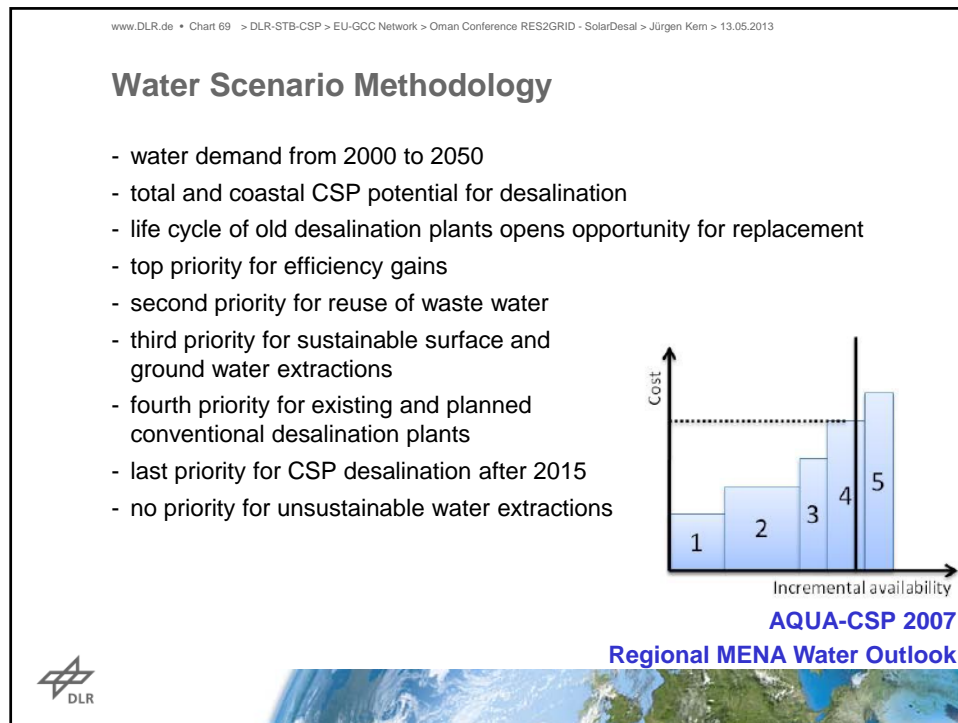
Options to overcome water shortage

To overcome current and future water shortage countries have a range of options at their disposal

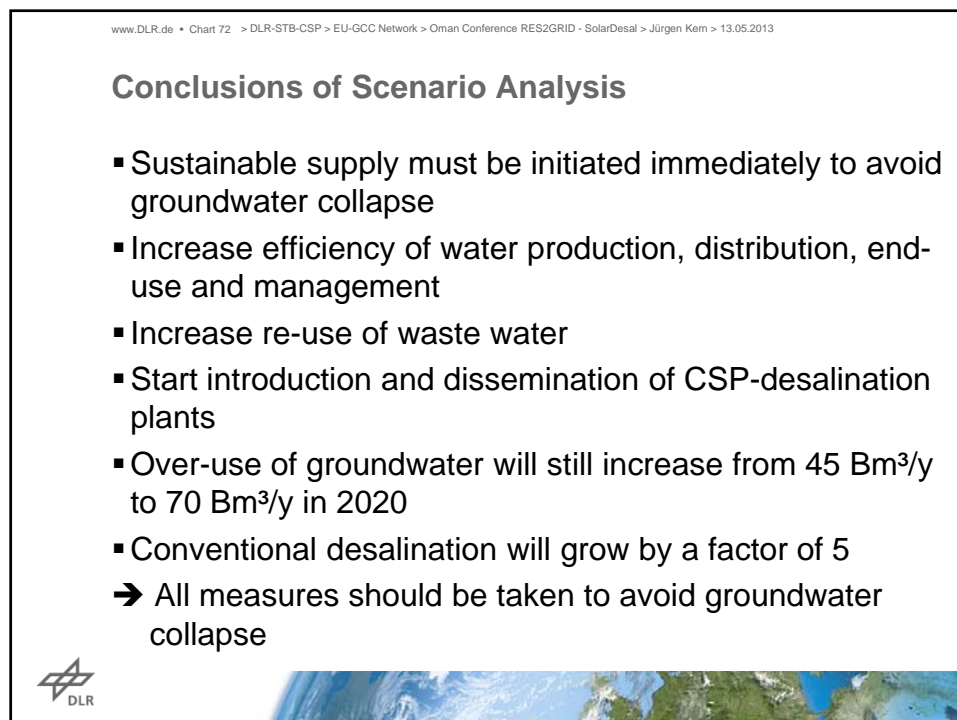
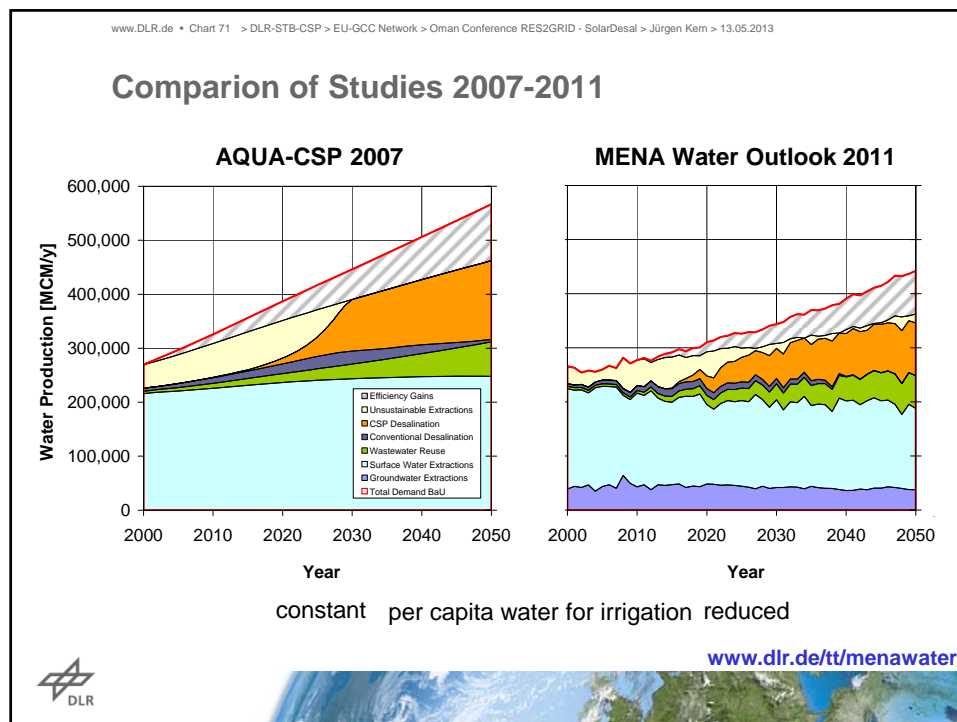
- Increasing the productivity:
 - Improved agricultural practice (including crop varieties)
 - Increased reuse of water from domestic and industry
 - Increased reuse of irrigated agriculture
- Expanding supply:
 - Expanding reservoir capacity (small scale)
 - Expanding reservoir capacity (large scale)
 - Desalination by means of using solar energy
 - Desalination by means of fossil fuel
- Reducing demand:
 - Reduce irrigated areas
 - Reduce domestic and industrial demand



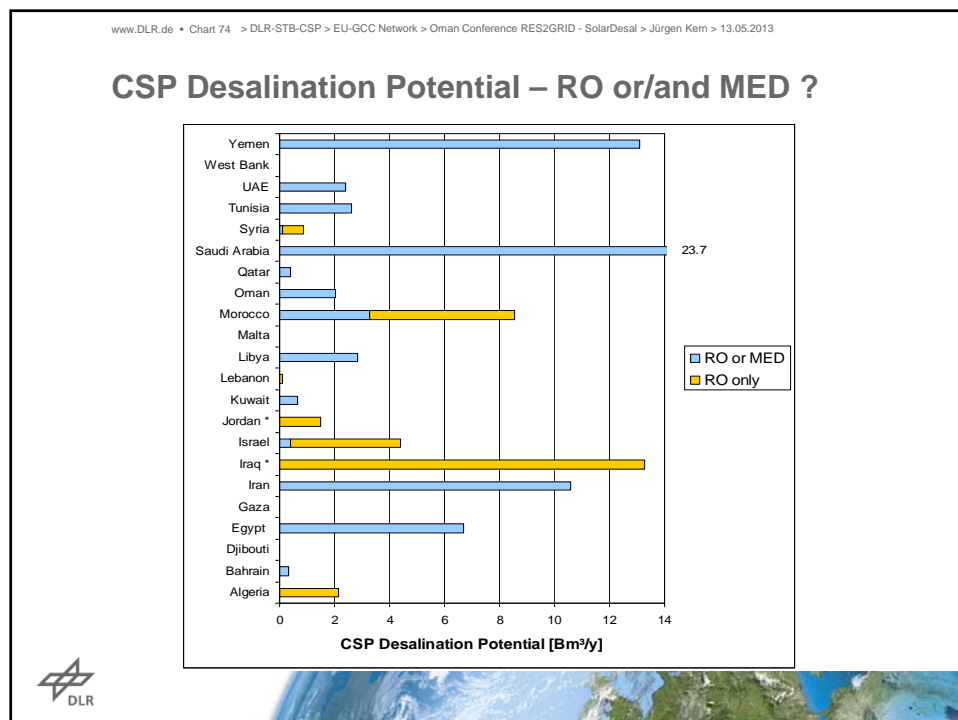
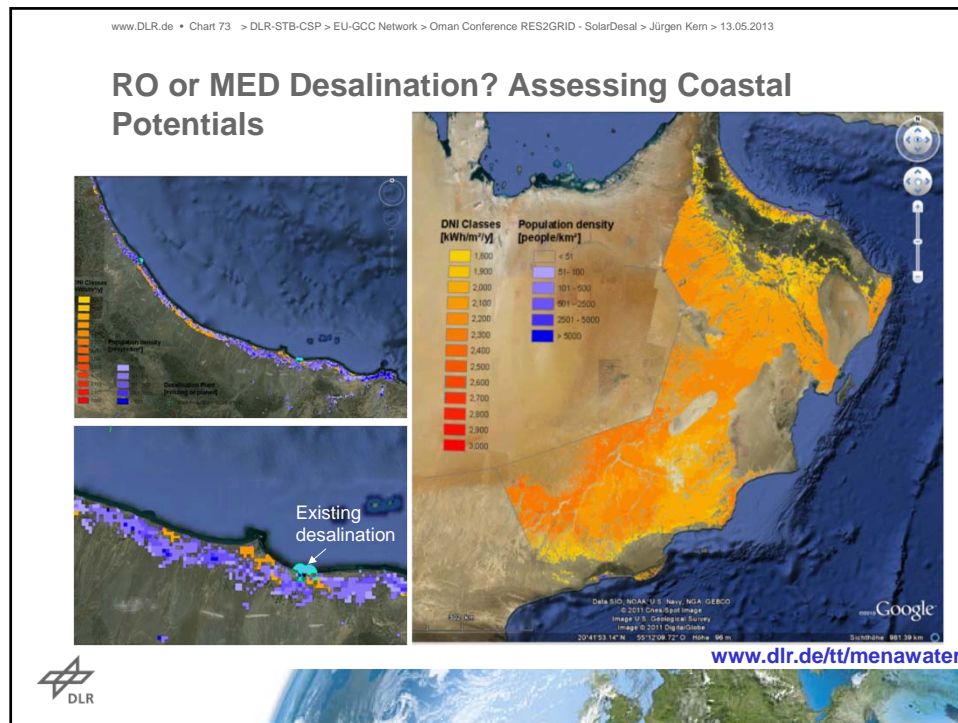
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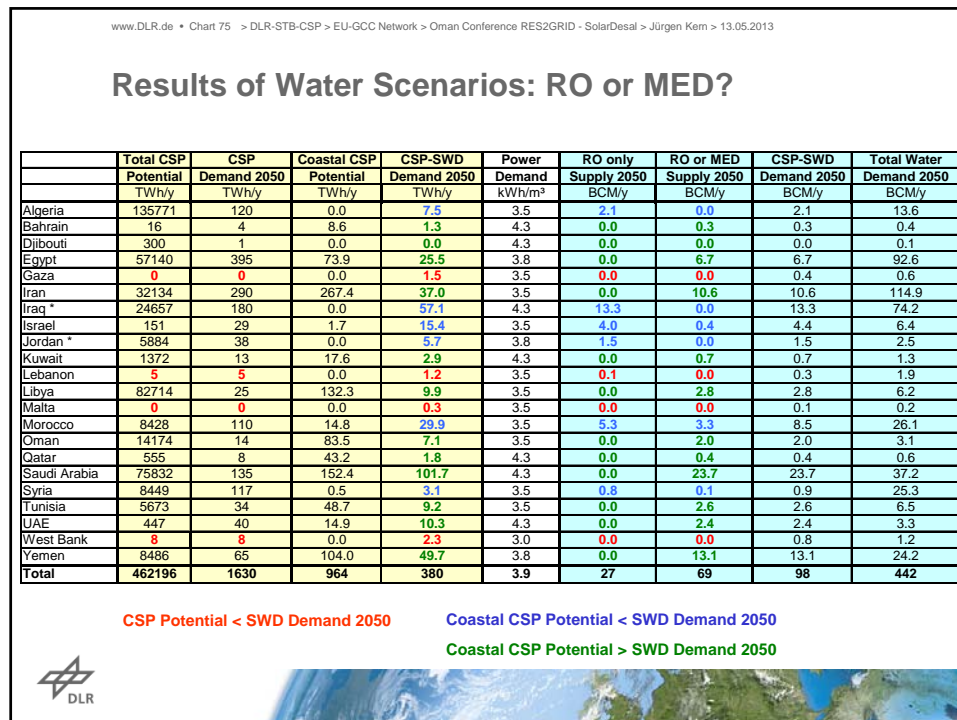
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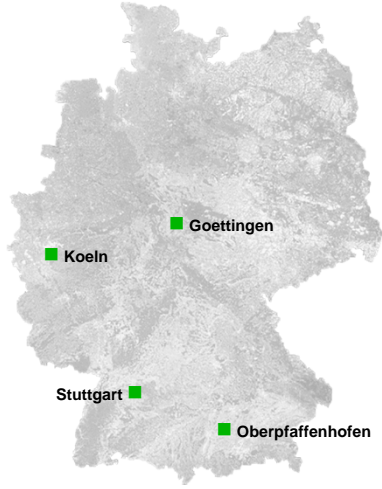
- Large scale conventional seawater desalination would create significant environmental impacts
- CSP can reduce energy related emissions to few percent
- Beachwell or horizontal drain intake and nano-filtration can reduce additives
- Horizontal drain intake can reduce impingement and entrainment and horizontal drain discharge can avoid concentration of heat and salt
- ➔ Advanced CSP seawater desalination can be compatible with the environment

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